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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Mao's Mission

WHAT has provoked Mao Tse-tung to make a trip abroad? Authorities on China point out that apart from a visit to Moscow soon after the establishment of the Communist regime in 1949, Mao has not made a visit overseas. In fact, he has rarely moved from Peking and its environs, these authorities say, apart from one known post-"liberation" sea trip to Shanghai.

He apparently told President Sukarno of Indonesia during the latter's visit to China in October, however, that he would visit Indonesia, and although there has been no indication from Peking when he might go, it is possible that when Mao has completed his visit to Moscow and Eastern Europe he may return by way of India, Burma, Colombo and Djakarta.

If he does choose this route, it will be largely for reasons of goodwill and also to repay courtesies extended to China by various Asian Governments in recent years. There may also be one or two knotty problems that Mao may have to handle—including the dispute over the Sino-Burmese border, and an outstanding debt with Ceylon, reported to be as high as 100 million rupees. There is some talk that on his visit to Poland Mao may seek to develop a more distinctively Chinese relationship with this satellite and later possibly with others which would have the effect of separating China from automatic association with Russian views. Up to now China's foreign policy and its party line have closely followed Moscow's. A notable example of this was in the recent criticism of the "different road to socialism" viewpoint expounded by Tito, Comulka and Communist leaders in Western countries.

If such a trend emerges it might bring an end to Soviet domination of the policies of the Communist camp and allow for variations in approach by individual members without, however, necessarily affecting Russia's diplomacy towards the West. The main virtue of such a policy, however, would be to allow China more chance to assess and synthesise the currents of thought in the headquarters of communism in other parts of the world before permitting itself to comment on particular developments.

ONE of the main objects of Mao's visit, however, is believed to be concerned with economic problems in China, where the second five-year plan is being revised because, as one commentator put it recently, it is trying to "invest more than it is able to digest." A recent visitor from China said talks were being held in Moscow on the provision of further economic aid and there were indications that Russia was not yielding easily to Chinese requests. China's main difficulty appears to be concerned with rationalising the severe demands being made upon the treasury by an over-ambitious development programme with the provision of basic foods and consumer goods to an ever-growing population. It is also trying to expand its export trade and it appears that it has had to make concessions all round.

One observer said recently that China had planned to complete the economic reconstruction of the country in three five-year plans but had now concluded that four would be necessary. Current negotiations in Moscow are undoubtedly regarded as "crucial" and China's rate of growth and expansion may well be determined by the outcome. The realisation of this, particularly, is possibly the main factor behind Mao's proposed mission.

2,000 IN QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY MARCH—Overnight Cool Change Brings Welcome Relief

Under dull, cloudy skies this morning, almost 2,000 men and women of the three services marched in the Queen's Birthday Parade in Kowloon. The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, took the salute—possibly for the last time at this annual parade.

His term of office expires in December. By then he will have been Governor for ten years. But more are now about to have his term extended again—this time for an indefinite period. This morning the Governor wore his blue winter uniform—full dress with plumes. A cool change with a north-easterly wind caused an early morning drop in temperature to 67 degrees.

He left Government House for Kowloon at about 9.30 p.m.

accompanied by Lady Grantham. At New Queen's Pier they boarded the Governor's barge and crossed to Kowloon, passing merchantmen, Royal Navy and visiting naval ships dressed overall.

The Governor was then driven in the Humber open landau from Tsimshui to the camped saluting dais at Gascoigne Road where he was met by the Commander British Forces, Lt-General Sir William Stratten and other Service chiefs. From that point he watched the hour-long march through Chatham Road, Gascoigne Road and Nathan Road. Lady Grantham and a number of distinguished guests watched from the reserved seats at the side of the dais. During the parade, a mechanised column consisting of 150 vehicles including 30 tanks and more than 60 guns of all sizes rumbled around Ma Tau Wei Road, Chatham Road, Gascoigne Road and Nathan Road. Sixty-six animals took part including Alsatians from the 4 Army Guard Dog Unit. Thousands of people streamed to the peninsula from Hong-kong and the New Territories to stand rows deep along the procession route. They began making their way to Kowloon early in the morning and by 8 a.m. crowds lined Gascoigne Road.

Regular Army units, the Hong-kong Defence Force, the Royal Navy and the RAF as well as the women's services took part.

Gurkha troops and the Malaya RAF Regiment joined with men from the Royal Signals, RE, RAMC, REME and

RASC, the 7th Hussars, the Green Howards and the Royal Artillery. A Gurkha pipe band marched in the procession. Other bands were the Hongkong Regiment's and the 7th Hussars.

The ceremony came to an end with a fly-past over the saluting base in which Austers, Harvards and Venom jets of 28 Squadron, RAF, took part.

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Hussein Still Has No Govt

Amman, Apr. 11. A Palace spokesman said today the Premier-designate, Hussein Khalid, was still trying to form a new government, but informed sources were pessimistic over his chances.

Supporters of ex-Premier Suleiman Nabulsi, who was dismissed yesterday by King Hussein, announced they would refuse to participate in any new government.

Nabulsi and his coalition partners hold half the 40 seats in the Assembly.

Several prominent people are reported to be mediating with Nabulsi to join an independent government which would include the Army Chief of General Staff Maj-Gen. Ali Abu Nwair, and the Jordanian Ambassador to Cairo, Fawzi el Mulki, a former Premier.

Reports from Beirut, however, said Nabulsi's National Socialist Party was demanding that King Hussein accept a four-point programme before it would participate in any Government.

Envoy Dismissed

They are: eventual federation with Syria and Egypt; Zionism and imperialism to be declared the country's main enemies instead of Communism; acceptance of the people's sovereignty instead of Royal rule; dismissal from the administration of all conservative elements whom Nabulsi considers reactionary.

Before he left office Nabulsi dismissed Jordan's Ambassador to the United States, Abdel Monem Rimal, and several senior officials known to be loyal to the King.

Thousands of Jordanians demonstrated in Nabulsi's home town of Nablus today against his dismissal and Army units were controlling all roads in the country to prevent disorders spreading.

A Washington report said King Hussein was expected to make an "immediate appeal" to the United States for Ambassador James Richards to visit Amman as soon as possible to discuss the Eisenhower Doctrine and United States economic and financial aid. The report was attributed to diplomatic sources.—United Press.

Satellite Test

White Sands, Apr. 11. An Aerobee rocket carrying instruments such as a vacuum gauge in the artificial earth satellite soared far over the New Mexico desert today.

The instrument-carrying rocket was probing the fringes of space to pave the way for Operation Vanguard—the satellite launching project. It reached a height of 126 miles.—Reuter.

39 GASED

Ellwood City, Apr. 11. A chlorine tank car sprung a leak early today emitting green clouds of deadly gas and 39 people were treated for gas poisoning. More than 1,000 were forced from their homes until the choking fumes were dispersed.—United Press.

COLLISION IN CANAL

Cairo, Apr. 11. The 7,840-ton Japanese cargo ship Hikone Maru today collided with a barge at mile 81 in the Suez Canal. This was the first accident since the Canal was re-opened to traffic.—Reuter.

NASSER IS DEFLANT ON TOLLS

Washington, Apr. 11. Diplomatic sources said that United States talks with Egypt have made it clear that the merchant marines of Great Britain and other nations will have to pay all Suez Canal tolls to Egypt.

This has emerged from the talks which U.S. Ambassador Raymond Harbo has almost completed with Egyptian President Nasser and other officials in Cairo, it was said.

The main point Mr Harbo has been asked to stress to Nasser is that the Egyptian plan for running the Canal must become an international document which can be signed multilaterally by all the nations using the Canal.

United States insistence on this point is due to the fact that if Nasser's plan does not become an international document he will be at liberty to change it whenever it pleases him.

Diplomatic sources said Australia and Britain were reported to have agreed to urge the strongest action regarding Egypt in the Security Council if the U.S.-Egyptian talks in Cairo failed.—United Press.

Sent US Tobacco To Red China

New York, Apr. 11. Three tobacco exporters have been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury on charges of shipping leaf to Communist China.

True bills were returned on Wednesday on 11 counts against Albert Monte Jr. Robert Monte and Richard Harris, of Farmville, North Carolina.

The indictments charge them with shipping \$121,000 worth of tobacco to a Communist Chinese company in Hongkong between 1949 and 1955 in violation of US regulations.—United Press.

LABOUR'S DEFENCE CENSURE MOTION

London, Apr. 11.

The Labour Party tonight decided to challenge the Government with a vote of confidence on the revolutionary defence policy announced last week.

The vote will come next week during the defence debate in the House of Commons.

Opposition Party leaders approved a strongly worded amendment to the Government motion which says the new policy, despite the waste of money and resources in the last five years due to repeated government vacillation, still lacks the firm decisions essential to an effective defence policy.

The Opposition amendment "regrets the undue dependence on the ultimate deterrent of nuclear weapons and urges the government to 'take an immediate initiative' in banning further nuclear weapons tests.

Debate on the defence White Paper will open on Tuesday.—United Press.

EMBARGO: TRACTOR MEN TOLD 'BE PATIENT'

London, Apr. 11.

British tractor and agricultural machinery manufacturers, anxious to sell to Communist China, were asked today to be "patient for a little longer" by Mr F. J. Erroll, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade.

He was addressing a function in London of the Agricultural Engineers Association.

Mr Lionel Harper, President of the Association, replied that they could wait "very little longer" before the curbs on exports of agricultural machinery was lifted completely.

Mr Erroll had described as "highly exaggerated" figures recently quoted by some quarters regarding the vast potential of the Chinese market for British agricultural machinery.—Reuter.

UK Petrol Talks

London, Apr. 11.

Mr Harold Macmillan and his Cabinet today discussed the oil supply situation, arousing hopes in political quarters of an early end to petrol rationing.—China Mail Special.

In Your Saturday Mail

BRITAIN IS GIVING AWAY FREE HER ATOMIC KNOWLEDGE, says SEFTON DELMER.

This is one of the highlights of tomorrow's feature-packed edition of the week-end China Mail.

Here are some others:

★ Is the Queen fair to highbrows by Sylvia Lamond

★ Swiss mystery month by Rene MacColl

★ Suez and tankers by Robin Stafford

★ New British Cars by Basil Cardew

★ Lloyd George, what was the secret... Lord Beaverbrook

There are all year favourite features as well including Glee, Cummings, Fred, Lew, Show Business, Homeless Pictorial, Film reviews... all in the Saturday Mail.

It's Parade Day Again!

A parade of marching soldiers and rumbling tanks is an event that never loses its appeal. The Queen's Birthday Parade follows much the same lines every year; there are new faces, new regiments, new detachments but the pageantry, the tradition, the polished drill-book routine remain constant, rain or shine.

The photographs below are of last year's parade. They might have been of this year's. For year after year people from all over the Colony converge on the wide roads of the peninsula to watch the marching columns pay tribute to the Queen, to see sights like those below.



HONGKONG MAY HAVE 4 MILLION POPULATION BY 1967

Hongkong's population may be four million by 1967, the quarterly bulletin of the Family Planning Association of Hongkong states.

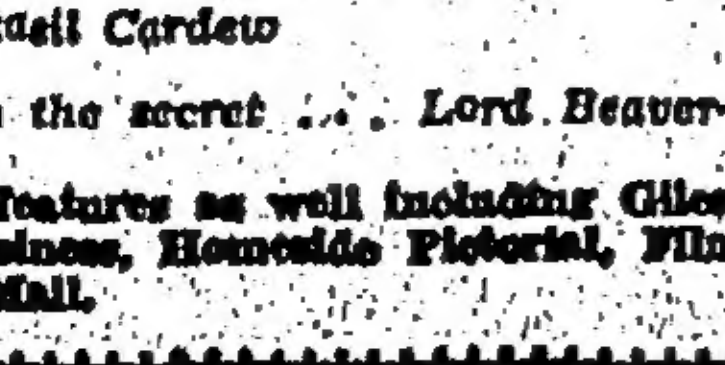
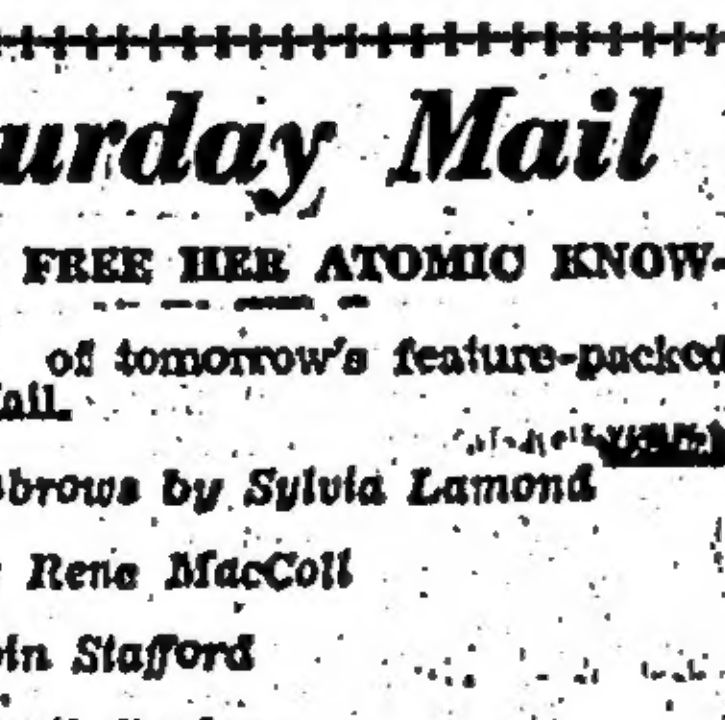
At present it is more than 2,500,000. The bulletin was issued yesterday.

In a comment on the Government's report that the population had increased fourfold during the last ten years, the Family Planning Association says: "This is a problem which every year is getting worse."

Higher Every Year

"The excess of births over deaths during 1956 was 77,461. In an article in this bulletin last year we forecast a figure of about 79,000 based on the trend over the last few years, and this natural rate of increase will be higher every year."

"There is no evidence to suggest that the present trends of population growth will change for the better in, say, the next ten years and we can look forward to a population of almost four million by 1967."



NEHRU'S SISTER TIPPED TO BE FOREIGN MINISTER

London, Apr. 11. The Evening News forecast today that Mrs Pandit, Indian High Commissioner in London, would shortly be appointed Indian Foreign Minister.

Mrs Pandit is leaving London tomorrow by air for India. Her brother, the Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru is busy forming his new government.

The Evening News thought Mrs Pandit would be assigned particularly to "patching up India's diplomatic relations with Britain and America."

The paper remarked that "she is well regarded in Whitehall" and "has succeeded in keeping both Britain and India together when more than once, diplomatic relations were near the breaking point".—France-Press.

Passengers Safe

Suez, Apr. 11. Flames were brought under control today aboard the 6,995-ton Indian freighter Jalvallah after its 12 passengers (10 British) were brought ashore.—United Press.

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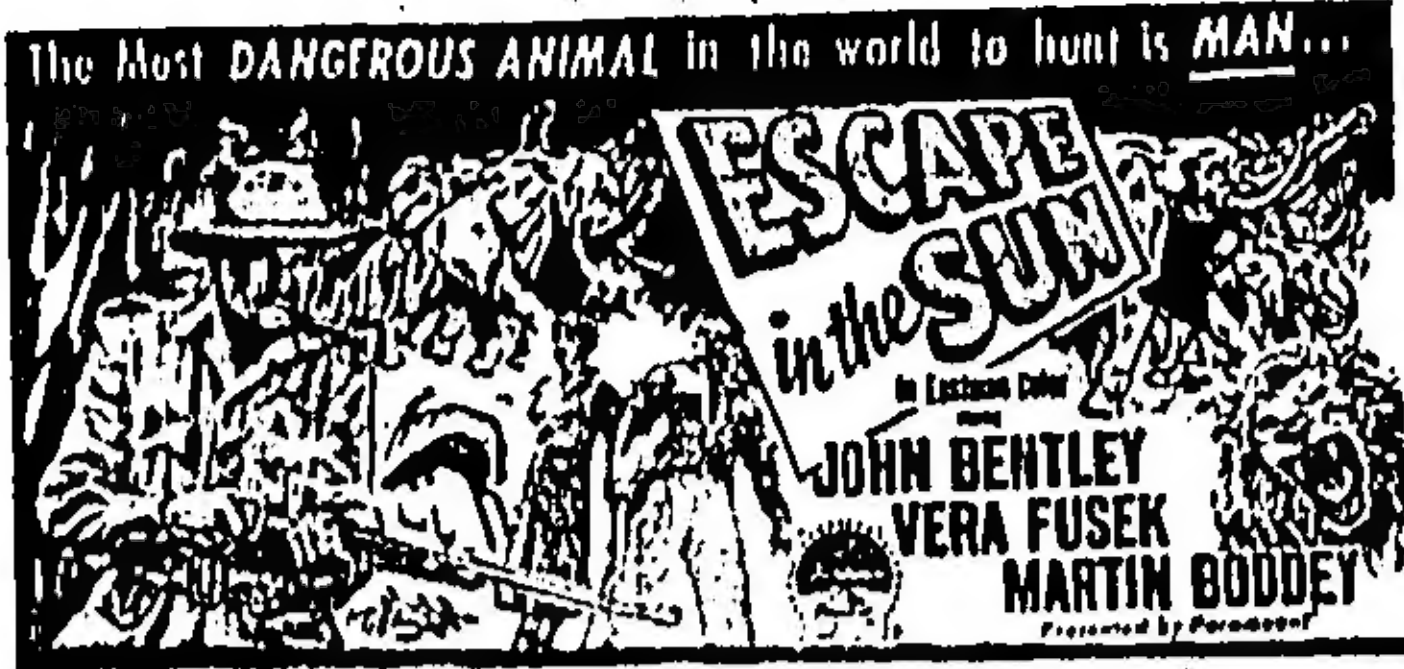
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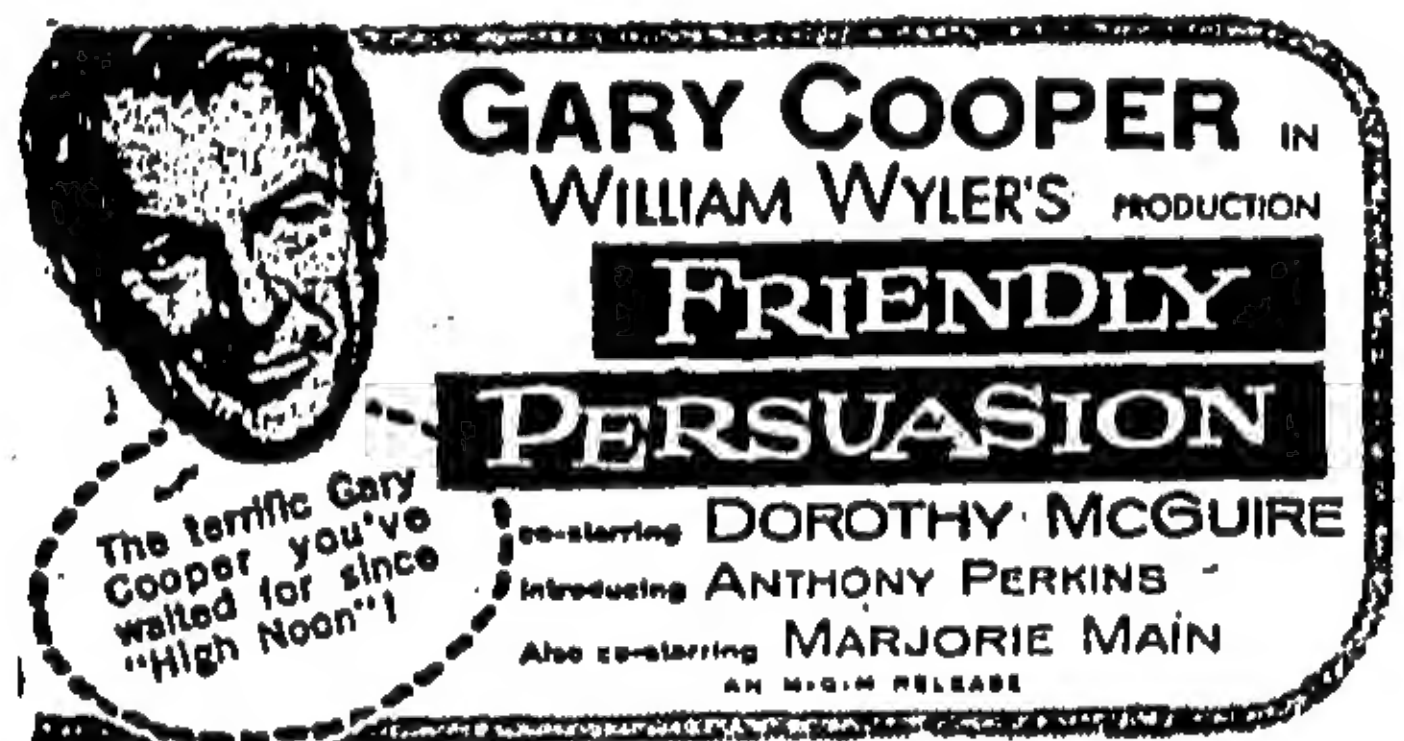
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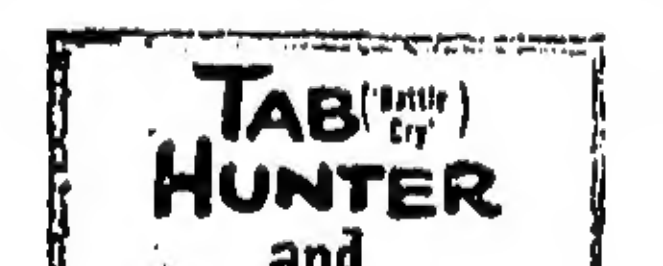
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Disarmament Proposal Britain Wants Working Party Formed

London, Apr. 11.

Commander Allan Noble, British delegate to the United Nations Disarmament subcommittee, today proposed that its five members should form a working party to study conventional arms reductions, a Western conference source stated.

All five delegates—from the United States, Soviet Union, Britain, France and Canada—were said by the source to have spoken at today's meeting, which discussed reductions in conventional armaments.

Commander Noble, who is Minister of State at the Foreign Office, was understood to have ranked the British delegation alongside the French. The Americans have suggested a different approach to the problem.

NOT COMMITTED

The Soviet representative, Mr. Valerian Zorin, who presided at today's meeting, was described by the source as speaking in general terms without committing himself on detail.

The atmosphere at the meeting was friendly and business-like, the source added.

The American delegate, Mr. Harold Stassen, has suggested simple percentage cuts in countries' arms stocks, to be effected parallel with reductions in manpower—10 per cent during the first year, followed by another 15 per cent the next year.

Commander Noble, like the French delegate, Mr. Jules Moeu, yesterday, was stated to have urged that agreement should first be reached on the stocks and supplies which each country should possess for its army, navy and air force.

AGREED LEVEL

Then, as it reduced its numbers of men under arms, it should also reduce its stocks of military equipment towards this agreed level.

Otherwise a country which started by having more arms than its neighbour would still be left with more after a simple percentage cut.

Commander Noble, it was reported, suggested that all countries should agree to take some basic military unit—for example, for armies divisions or brigades, for air force squadrons, for navies types and numbers of ships—and then work out how many of each they needed for their defence.

A certain permitted number of divisions or brigades would

thus tie a country down to the stocks of army equipment it was allowed to hold.

WITHIN LIMITS

However, as long as it kept within its permitted overall limits, a country could arrange, organise and deploy its forces as it wished.

According to the source, no decision had yet been reached on the British suggestion to form a working party.—Reuter.

Lim Lauded By Singapore Papers

Singapore, Apr. 12. Splash headlines and congratulatory editorials in Singapore newspapers today (Friday) hailed the London agreement granting future internal self-government to this island which has been under British rule since 1824.

Singapore's two English-language dailies said Mr. Lim Yew Hock, the Chief Minister, and the four members of the all-party negotiation team, would return in triumph.

A front-page banner in the Straits Times, near a picture of the smiling Chief Minister, declared: "The man who knew what he wanted gets it—Lim's big moment."

The Chinese-owned Singapore Standard said in an editorial that the Singapore mission was leaving Britain in a happy and satisfactory atmosphere.

Both papers published long excerpts, running into many columns, of the lengthy official report on the London constitutional talks.—Reuter.

EISENHOWER EXPRESSES REGRET OVER AMBASSADOR'S SUICIDE

Washington, Apr. 11.

President Eisenhower today expressed his regret to the Canadian Ambassador here over the suicide in Cairo of Mr. Herbert Norman, the Canadian ambassador to Egypt, which has strained Canadian-American relations.

Mr. A. D. Heene, who is about to relinquish his post as Canadian Ambassador in Washington, told reporters that the President had expressed regret "very sincerely" during his farewell visit to the White House today.

The Canadian Government has complained that Mr. Norman's suicide last week stemmed in part from accusations that the envoy had Communist ties voiced by members of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

Solution Of Logic

Mr. Heene said he was sure the rift between the two states over the incident would be healed and "there will be a solution of logic, good sense and fairness based on reason rather than emotion."

The State Department in the meantime said it did not give the Subcommittee any information linking the diplomat with Communism, nor did it approve release of derogatory information about him.

Department press officer Lincoln White said the "Subcommittee itself" inserted into

the record "derogatory information about a Canadian official" Mr. Norman.

Contradicted

The State Department's position directly contradicted that of the Subcommittee and its two ranking members.

White's denial came a few hours after Subcommittee chairman James O. Eastland and Sen. William E. Jenner asserted that the Department had checked the FBI and "corroborated the truth of a controversial Subcommittee report linking Norman with Communism.—United Press.

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'NOW WE'RE AIRSTrip NO. 1'

London, Apr. 11.

The left-wing New Statesman and Nation said today that Britain, committed in nuclear war, "must either go bankrupt or accept the consequences of being denied any lesser military activity," and called for nuclear disarmament.

The weekly, commenting on the Government's White Paper on defence, said: "In existing Western strategy, the United Kingdom has become airstrip one."

"And airstrip one is a primary strategic target—perhaps the first of all—for nuclear bombardment in the event of general war."

"In those circumstances, it is more unlikely that a preventive attack on particular launching sites would be enough to save us."

The New Statesman and Nation declared that the only hope for Britain was nuclear disarmament.

It said: "The Western powers have not made any serious attempt to reach agreement with the Russians on banning nuclear weapons."

"We do not yet know whether the Russians are serious in seeking to outlaw nuclear warfare, and we cannot tell until we take their proposals seriously."

"We do know that all over the world, men are becoming increasingly conscious of the appalling and unpredictable hazards which lie beyond the H-Bomb."

"And we are blind if we cannot see that the ending of the nuclear arms race is the only defence policy which now makes any sense for Britain."—China Mail Special.

Russians Visit Hungary

Vienna, Apr. 11.

A Soviet delegation to Budapest—described by the Hungarian press on its arrival on April 11 as a "cultural mission"—has probably been given the task of restoring the torn fabric of Stalinist Marxist ideology in the country, according to reports reaching here today.

The reports said the delegation's objective was to clarify the ideological line in Hungary and to promote party unity, badly shaken during last October's revolt.

It was believed in Vienna that the delegation leader, Mr. M. B. Mitin, was far too prominent a figure in the Soviet regime to head a mere cultural mission.

Mr. Mitin played a leading role as a Soviet ideologist during the Stalin era, during which he was successively a member of the Soviet Party Central Committee, Director of the Marx-Engels-Lenin Institute and Secretary of the Komsomol Central Committee.

In 1947, he became Chairman of the Society for the Dissemination of Political and Scientific Knowledge, and from 1950 until its dissolution in April 1950, he was editor of the Communist journal published in Bucharest.—China Mail Special.

COMMANDO KILLED

Tel Aviv, Apr. 11.

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Cairo, Apr. 11.

The trial of four Britons on spying charges will be postponed for at least a month when it opens in the criminal court on Saturday, defence lawyers said today.

The postponement will follow a defence plea for more time to study the 1,200 typewritten pages of the file on the case, which were distributed to them 10 days ago, they said.—China Mail Special.

NEW MOTORCYCLISTS' HEADGEAR



UK SHOULD BASE MISSILES IN TURKEY: ATTLEE

London, Apr. 11. Former Prime Minister Earl Attlee said today that Britain should base her Mideast missile and atomic capabilities in Turkey.

It was the same view expressed by Lord Salisbury, who resigned from the Government and Conservative Party leadership of the House of Lords last month on policy differences with Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

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Command Post

"I do not think you could do more than make it a command post," he said. "It is too small. It does not really fit in with the strategy of the hydrogen bomb age."

"If Cyprus were to be an advance site for launching weapons of mass destruction, it would also be a sitting target for the receipt of weapons of mass destruction," Attlee said.

"If you want a site, it should not be a small island but in some place with a wider hinterland where possibly you can move your weapons from place to place," he said.

"The only place where you could have an effective base is Turkey. I think that the Bagdad Pact should be strengthened by the inclusion of Greece. If Greece were in the Pact, one would perhaps get over the mistaken apprehensions of the Turks of an attack being launched against them from Cyprus."

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A factory in Greece has marketed a new type of plastic headgear for use by motorcyclists to keep out the wind, the rain and the cold. Picture shows a motorcyclist and passenger wearing the new headgear.—Express Photo.

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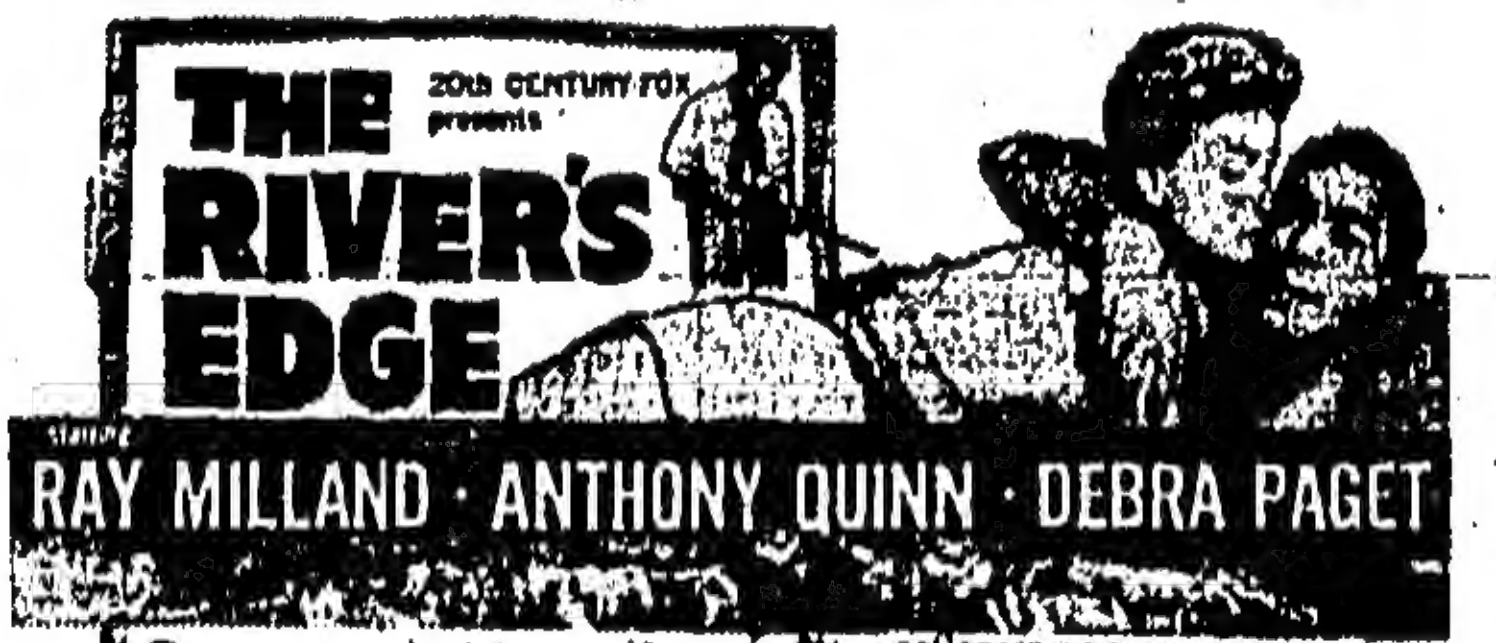


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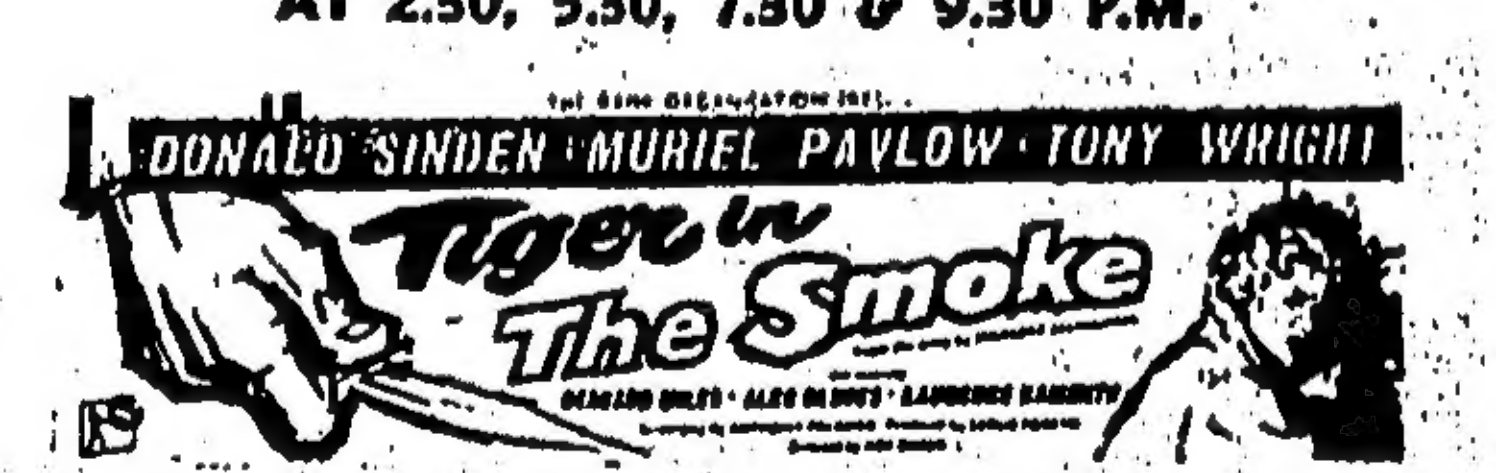
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IRANIAN KILLERS CAUGHT NEW WEAPONS IN US ARSENAL

Suez Dispute

SECURITY COUNCIL TO MEET?

New York, Apr. 11. Sir Pierson Dixon of Britain, President of the United Nations Security Council, conferred today with Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, the Secretary-General, amid continuing reports that a Council session is in the offing on the Suez Canal dispute.

But British sources insisted that the conference was not on this subject. They said only "minor matters" were discussed.

Other informants said they did not think Sir Pierson would lose the opportunity to discuss the possibility of bringing the Canal issue back to the 11-member Council.

According to some delegation sources, a "time-table of strategy" has been worked out by the West.

These sources said that if tonight official reports from Cairo did not indicate the possibility of agreement in the current Suez talks between the United States and Egypt, then delegations here would turn to more active plans for convening the Security Council.

These sources said they forecast the likelihood of a Council meeting shortly after Easter and perhaps as early as next week.

This forecast was based on the probability of the current Cairo talks coming to naught. — China Mail Special.

Mikoyan Going To Austria

Vienna, Apr. 11. Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan will pay Austria an official visit from April 23 to 27, a government spokesman said here today.

Mr Mikoyan would have talks with leading Austrian Government leaders. Inspections of industrial enterprises would also be included in his programme, he added.

Mr Mikoyan's visit had originally been due last November but was postponed in view of events in Hungary at the time.

Chancellor Julius Raab has invited him during his Austrian state visit talks in Moscow in April, 1955. — China Mail Special.

Gang Leader's Brother Pleads To Be Shot

By BRIAN DEWHURST

Tarbut, Pakistan, Apr. 11. Ahmed Shah, the scrawny Iranian tribesman who killed Mrs Anita Carroll, pleaded with foreign correspondents to "shoot me now" rather than let him be turned back to his countrymen for punishment.

The cringing, 47-year-old eldest brother of the notorious Shahs who have robbed, pillaged and murdered for 15 years was a sorry sight.

He frankly admitted shooting Mrs Carroll in the back when she tried to flee the blood-spattered jeep containing the bullet-ridden bodies of her husband, Kevin, Brewster A. Wilson and two Iranians.

But he calmly stated, "It was a mistake."

Weeping Women

I interviewed Ahmed yesterday in the mud-thatched village of Tarbut while the weeping women and children of the Shah tribe stayed in the background. Intelligent and calm-looking with features reminiscent of a murderer and a liar—Ahmed was beaten and he knew it.

Worried from travelling by foot over 250 miles in 10 or 11 days on some of the worst terrain in the subcontinent, Ahmed was plain scared.

Seven men have fallen in the sights of his rifle but he calmly dismissed this as "tribal war".

This oasis is the capital of the cruck Mekran frontiersmen. The grey-clad and very proud frontier militia patrolled the sun-seared compound where Ahmed, 15 women and three young boys wait their fate.

Certain Death

The fate is almost certain to be death before an Iranian firing squad. Iran announced Pakistan agreed to return the bandit gang for trial, and one announcement said prematurely they already had entered Iran.

Several of the women and children bore gunshot wounds from the chase by Iranian police or the battle in which they were captured by the Pakistani frontiersmen.

District Commissioner Major Mohammed Afzal conducted the questioning. Ahmed claimed informers told the tribe that Iranian police would motor through the Iran-Pakistan Pass on March 24.

Dad Shah, the 45-year-old leader of the tribe with an

inborn hatred of Iranian police, organised an ambush.

Sitting behind shelter, the men and women rained a deluge of bullets on the car carrying the Carrolls. Brewster and the two Iranians. Ahmed said the occupants of the car were taken completely by surprise and did not fire back.

Stopped Shooting

When all movement in the vicinity of the vehicle stopped, the tribesmen stopped shooting, he said.

Suddenly, he continued, a figure jumped out of the vehicle and started running.

"I dropped to the ground and fired at about 400 yards range, hitting the running figure in the middle of the back," Ahmed said through an interpreter.

"When I fired, the tribe again opened up, pouring countless bullets into the body. We sent a man forward who came back and told us it was a woman."

He merely shrugged when asked to explain how it was that Mrs Carroll's body was found several miles from the bodies of the four others.

He said none of the tribe went near the vehicle.

If the tribe had known they were foreigners they certainly would not have been killed, Ahmed added.

"We'd have kidnapped them for ransom," he said blatantly.

When a correspondent offered Ahmed a cigarette he took it eagerly, fell to his knees, and kissed his hand.

"In the name of Allah, don't send me back to a slow death in Iran," he said. "Shoot me now."

Shattered Wrists

Ahmed claimed Dad Shah was killed in an April 3 clash with Iranian police. He pointed to Dad Shah's 14-year-old wife who walked about the compound with shattered wrists and said she was wounded when she fired back protecting her fallen husband.

But he refused to say where the body was and District Commissioner Afzal claimed that Ahmed was lying.

He said latest reports showed Dad Shah, his fearless sister, Durbihi, her husband, Kareem Dad, and possibly Dad's younger brother, Mohammed, still are at large.

Ahmed refused to budge on this point and his brother Mohammed died a natural death a year ago.

Fasting

After 80 minutes of questioning in the blistering heat, Ahmed moved under a goatskin water bag.

But he refused food and drink. He was fasting until sunset in observance of Ramadan, the Moslem month of fasting. — United Press.

Sino-Soviet Trade Protocol

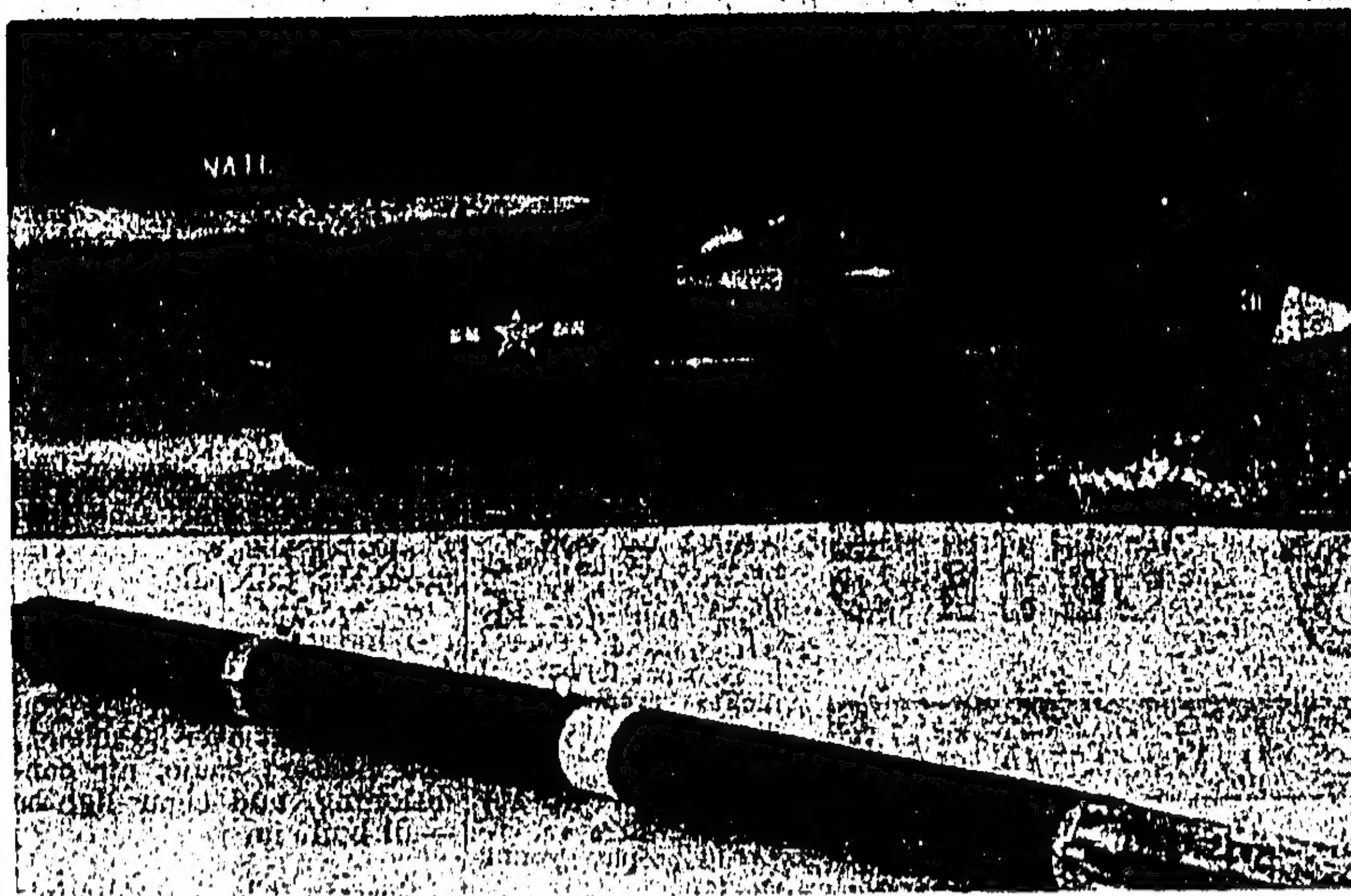
Moscow, Apr. 11.

The Soviet Union and China today signed a protocol on trade exchanges for the current year, the Soviet news agency Tass said.

The agreement which was concluded and signed in Moscow following successful negotiations provides for the exchange of a large number of commodities.

Under the agreement the Soviet Union is to supply machine and press tools, oil drilling and coal mining equipment, materials and equipment for geological research, electrical equipment, excavators, instruments, oil and petroleum products, rolled steel and non-ferrous metals, chemicals, medical instruments, drugs, and medicines and many other items, Tass said.

China is to supply, in exchange, wolfram, mercury, molybdenum, tin, refined non-ferrous metals, cement, sulphur, chemicals, wool, raw silk, wool and silk fabrics, bristles, soy beans, rice, tea, tobacco, citrus fruit, crafts and arts products and other goods. — Reuters.



SIXTEEN ARRESTED

Bank Clerk Slipped On Egyptian Currency Deal

By ERNEST ASHWICK

Geneva, Apr. 11. Sixteen people have been arrested in Cairo because of an error by a Swiss bank clerk in Geneva.

Entente Cordiale Confidence

Paris, Apr. 11.

French Premier Guy Mollet said in an interview published today that he was confident the Franco-British entente cordiale would be capable of surmounting any difficulties which may arise in future.

Mollet said in an interview with the London Daily Express following the visit of Queen Elizabeth to France, that the entente cordiale was one of "the most solid pillars" of the Atlantic alliance.

The French Premier said France and Britain had common objectives in the Middle East: to combat Communist influence in the area, to thwart Egyptian Pan-Arab expansionism and to promote an Israeli-Arab settlement.

He said that differences on secondary points of Middle East policy between Britain and France were now a thing of the past.

Mollet said the United Nations had not yet been able to settle the Israeli-Arab dispute or the Suez Canal problem.

He said the United Nations would not be able to achieve a lasting result unless the letter and spirit of the United Nations Charter were observed.

THREE CONDITIONS

Mollet said three conditions would have to be met:

★ 1. UN membership must commit members to international systems conforming with the democratic principles of the charter.

★ 2. International decisions must be taken on the basis of the facts and not under political pressures.

★ 3. UN decisions should be vigorously applied, which means that general disarmament and the establishment of an international police force were necessary. — France-Press.

EVICTED STAY OF PROCEEDING

Trivandrum, Apr. 11.

The Governor of Kerala, India's first Communist state, promulgated an ordinance today to stay all eviction proceedings in the state.

The Communist government plans to carry out major land reforms and the ordinance will maintain the status quo until it has had time to enact legislation. — Reuters.

Petrol Cheaper

London, Apr. 12.

Petrol prices will be reduced a penny a gallon from today. — Reuters.

Two of the latest weapons in the American arsenal are pictured here. Top is the ASD Skywarrior, a twin-jet attack bomber; picture bottom shows the "Zuni" rocket, designed for use in fighter and attack-type aircraft. — Express Photo.

Surrender Terms For Rebels

Algiers, Apr. 11.

The Algerian radio today broadcast an appeal promising the protection of French security forces for the person and families of all rebels who turn themselves over to the authorities in the next two weeks.

The appeal, which will be published by Algerian newspapers tomorrow, promised that no legal proceedings would be instituted against rebels "in good faith".

Rebels would be allowed to choose their places of residence, and jobs would be found for them, the appeal said.

It said that rebels must surrender with their arms, or have acceptable proof of their sincerity. The liberal measures would not however be applied to collectors of taxes for the rebel clandestine organisation or terrorists guilty of crimes, the appeal said.

The appeal urged the population to pass on by word of mouth, the surrender offer. — France-Press.

Cabinet Approves Bill

Bonn, Apr. 11.

The West German Cabinet today approved the text of a bill ratifying the Common Market and Euratom agreements, an official spokesman announced.

The bill will empower the Government to make tariff adjustments provided for in the Common Market Treaty by decree. The spokesman said this would spare Parliament the trouble of passing a law every time an adjustment was made.

The spokesman said the Common Market Treaty would be made valid for Berlin, but could not be valid for the Saar until the end of the transition period during which the Saar remains part of the French economic area.

Parliament is expected to ratify the Euratom and Common Market Treaties before the end of the present session, the last before the autumn elections. — Reuters.

Fear Prison

Many wealthy Egyptians have, I am told, been caught in this manner and have had their property in Egypt either confiscated or sequestered until they return to Egypt and explain before the courts.

Many, fearing long prison sentences, prefer to stay in Switzerland, even though this means losing their property in Egypt. — London Express Service.

Former Gauleiter Arrested After Buenos Aires Shooting

Buenos Aires, Apr. 11.

Q. ANTE Pavelle, a former Gauleiter of Croatia under Nazi occupation, has been arrested in a Buenos Aires clinic while undergoing treatment for wounds from a gunshot wound inflicted by an unknown assailant. It was disclosed here tonight.

Pavelle had been sought by the Argentine police since the fall of former President Juan Peron for activities in the Peronist National Revolutionary Alliance.

The police arrested him last night while he was under treatment for wounds in the chest and spinal column from two revolver shots fired by an assailant on a street in Caseros, a Buenos Aires suburb.

Pavelle told the police that his assailant was "an emissary from the Yugoslav Legation or an agent of international communism."

Pavelle, who arrived in the Argentine in 1946, was assigned by Peron to organize the Nationalist Alliance shock forces.

After Peron's fall in the September 1955 revolution, Pavelle disappeared. The Croatian Gauleiter escaped to Spain after the Nazi defeat in 1945 and then received political asylum in Argentina.

REMOVE BAN ON US CORRESPONDENTS

EDITORS PLEAD CASE

Washington, Apr. 11.

Frank H. Bartholomew, President of the United Press, urged today that the Government remove its ban against travel to China by American correspondents.

He did so in a statement presented to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which resumed a series of hearings on the ban imposed by the State Department. Representatives of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and other organizations also were scheduled at the day's hearing.

"The experience of a lifetime has deeply impressed upon me that the people have a right to the news, good and bad," said Bartholomew, "that the best interests of the people invariably served by complete access to all the news."

Cut Off Source

"Efforts to cut off access news at its source, or efforts which might be misunderstood as attempting from that motivation," his statement continued, "simply tend to replace facts in the mind of the public with unceasing apprehensions and rumours detrimental to the formation of sound public opinion."

"Free access to the news at its source outweighs all other considerations in the long run."

Bartholomew pointed out that the United Press now is "covering the news as best we can in discharge of our responsibility." But the principal means now is by reporting what the Chinese radio says.

"In the control of our own correspondents elsewhere in the world, including Moscow, we can check back. We have no such means of checking reports from China."

He rejected suggestions that the issue be compromised on a basis which would permit only a limited corps of American reporters to visit China. The ban should be removed for reporters of individual newspapers, radio and TV stations, as well as the news agencies.

Most Desirable

"It seems to me," Bartholomew's statement concluded, "that the most desirable development would be for the State Department to remove the ban against travel in China from the passports of American correspondents."

J. R. Wiggins, associate editor of the newspaper Washington Post and Times Herald, told the Committee that "swift, accurate and complete information" on China would serve the interests of the American people.

Wiggins recalled that when the Chinese Government barred non-Communist newspapermen from visiting its territory on October 8, 1949, the State Department had condemned Peking's decision.

Same Tactics

He continued: "Now the United States seems to have embraced the very tactics we denounced and is trying to enforce from our side the very exclusion of the press that less than 10 years ago it branded as an effort to blot out completely objective reporting of events in the Communist occupied territory of China." — United Press and France-Press.

ARTICLE CAUSES STIR IN BONN

Bonn, Apr. 11.

A West German Government spokesman said today that an article which appeared in the government's information bulletin, expressing support for Spain's admission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, did not reflect the government's official attitude.

The article only expressed the personal opinion of its author, the spokesman said. He declined to say whether the government was for or against Spain's admission to NATO.

The article in question had caused a considerable stir in Bonn. — France-Press.

The Queen Thanks France

Paris, Apr. 11.

Queen Elizabeth of Britain today sent the following message to the French President, Rene Coty, thanking him for the warm reception she received during her visit to France.

"The President of the French Republic."

"On the conclusion of our state visit to Paris, I and my husband send to you, Monsieur Le President, and to the Government and people of France, our warmest and most sincere thanks."

"Since we have been your guests, we have experienced kindness on all sides. Every day, we have met with a welcome from your citizens which has touched our hearts and will remain one of our lasting and happiest memories. We are moreover proud to think that our visit has demonstrated the strength of the bonds which have long existed in peace and war between our peoples and upon which we set so great a store."

DEEPLY GRATEFUL

"We should be deeply grateful if you would convey our thanks to all those who have assisted in planning and carrying out with meticulous skill the details of the wonderful and artistic programme which you yourself prepared for us and which has given both of us so much pleasure."

"We are looking forward to seeing something of the north of France, but before we leave the capital, we are anxious that you should receive the assurance of our gratitude and of our heartfelt good wishes, both for yourself and the great nation of which you are head."

"Elizabeth, R." — France-Press.

The Queen Home

London, Apr. 11.

The Queen, in a vivacious mood, arrived home tonight after a gay four-day visit to France.

The Queen was smiling and talking animatedly to Prince Philip, her husband, who she descended from a four-engined Viscount aircraft which brought them home from Paris and Lille. — United Press.

Aggravation Of Dollar Problem

Paris, Apr. 11.

The Suez crisis had only "limited repercussions" on Western European economy, although it led to an aggravation of the "dollar problem," according to the annual report of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, published today.

The first volume of the report, called "Europe Today," said, however, the "perspectives remain problematical." Nevertheless, overall European production was not significantly reduced, even though some industries were hard hit in certain countries.

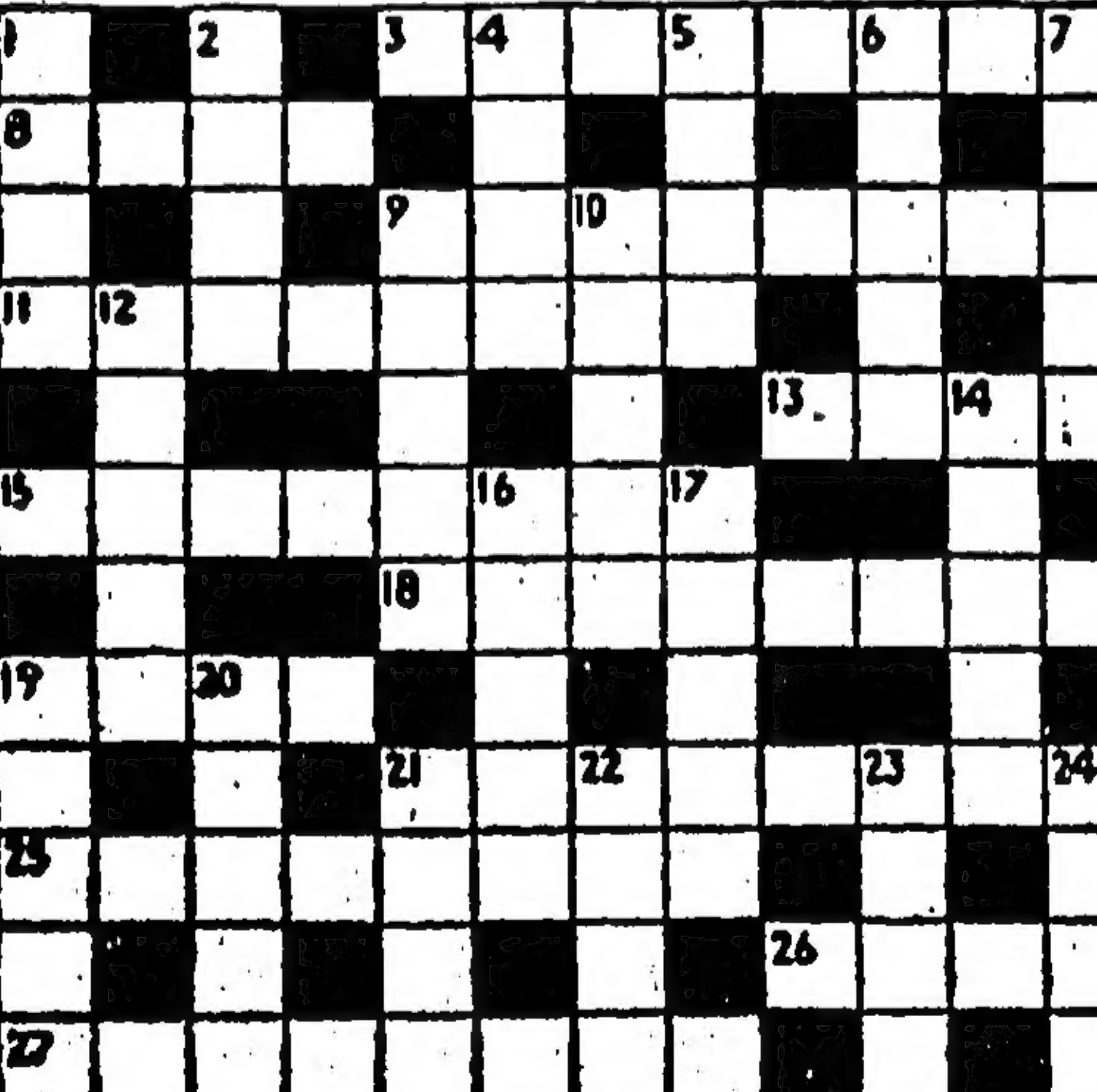
The report said that Britain and France were the countries most affected by the crisis, mainly because of speculative movements of the dollar which aggravated the disequilibrium in the European Payments Union.

LIVING STANDARD

In general, European production, employment and the standard of living had never been as high as in 1950, the report said. However, the rate of European economic expansion slowed down as compared with the very rapid rate that prevailed since 1952, the report said.

Inflation remained the greatest danger to European economies. In spite of immediate difficulties, great possibilities of economic expansion still remained. It concluded. — France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- False (8).
 - Conspiracy (4).
 - May give Americans a sense of uplift (6).
 - Entire (8).
 - Small nail (4).
 - Softened (8).
 - Business chief (8).
 - Transaction (4).
 - Quieted (8).
 - Bullfighter (8).
 - Bucket (4).
 - Got back at a price (8).

- DOWN
- Tale of Jerusalem (4).
 - Contrary mood? That's fate (4).
 - Wan (4).
 - Talk wildly (4).
 - External (5).
 - Piece torn off (5).
 - Antelope (5).
 - Anaesthetic (5).
 - Fat (5).
 - Unaccompanied (5).
 - Shy (5).
 - Slender (5).
 - Kind (5).
 - Pungent (5).
 - Secure (4).
 - Vein of ore (4).
 - Fuel (4).
 - Uninteresting (4).

THURSDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Doomed, 4 Siles, 7 Eminence, 8 Ex-ech, 9 Desert, 11 Emerger, 13 Intrude, 15 De-fend, 16 Sills, 19 Allments, 20 Eagle, 21 Dodge, Down: 1 Dread, 3 Mince, 5 Donated, 6 Sleeve, 8 Sletus, 10 Settling, 12 Meddled, 13 Jumps, 14 Unseen, 16 Fresh, 17 Decks.

Part six of our mystery serial No Flowers by Request

★ Mrs. Merton, a widow, takes a job as cook-housekeeper in an old rectory. The atmosphere is a strange one, for her employer has an invalid wife, tended by a nurse, and a neurotic nephew. His niece also lives there. On the nurse's night out, the ailing woman goes into a coma and dies. The post-mortem establishes that she was poisoned. Nervous, she is reaching breaking point. . . .

I WENT to look for Mrs. Hutchinson. I wanted her to do the vegetables. On my way, duster in hand, I met Nurse Cutler.

"Oh," she said, staring spitefully at the duster in my hand. "I notice that if you're above doing nurse's work you have no objection to helping out that charlady! Tastes differ. I must say!" She was going on past me down the stairs, but I stopped her.

"One moment, Nurse Cutler," I said. "There is something I want to ask you."

I could not swear to it, but it seemed to me that something very much like panic, fled, as it were, into her eyes.

"Oh?" she said.

"It is about Mrs. Carrington's death," I went on.

No more panic

"You remember that you asked me whether it was I who set her up against the pillow, and I told you that I did not?"

"I remember," she said, and the panic fled from her eyes again, leaving her as she had looked on the night of the death—deflated, colourless and limp.

"I told you that Mrs. Deane said the same thing, and so she did. Why? What makes you bring that up again? It couldn't have had any bearing."

"That isn't what you said at the time," I reminded her.

"You said—I remember your exact words—because they sounded to me so extraordinary unless you possess knowledge which has not been revealed to the rest of us—you said, 'Looks as though we're all in it together.' You remember?"

"I don't know what you're getting at, Mrs. Merton," she retorted. "Perhaps you'll say straight out what you mean!"

Strange ring

"But that is just what I'm asking YOU to do, Nurse Cutler," I returned. "Whatever you mean by those words, they have a strange ring now that there is all this mystery over Mrs. Carrington's death, and that the inquiry has had to be adjourned so that the police can collect further evidence. What exactly were you getting at—and whom did you mean by all?"

Her eyes flickered away from mine. All her cheap arrogance was gone, and it was a worried, frightened woman who stood before me.

"You don't know what I know," she muttered. "I held her eyes for a full half-minute. It is no business of mine."

"Anything you know you ought to tell the police. As for this," I flicked the clean duster I was holding. . . .

"What I do in the way of housework I do of my own choice."

Innuendoes

"Of course, Mrs. Merton," she answered. She still sounded completely defeated. "I let her go, but I was worried. She knew something, probably because of her profession, which was hidden from the rest of us. I could not help wondering what it was. It was something to do with the fact that Mrs. Carrington had been sitting up when (or just before) she died."

I racked my brains, but the fact is that, apart from childish complaints, such as chicken-pox and measles, I have little knowledge of illness, and hardly innuendoes really meant nothing to me; neither did I propose to question her further. I did not like her, and I did not like the faintest idea.

"Only one thing disturbed my mind. What was the matter with Philip Deane that he seemed so nervous and worried?"

This particular query was soon answered, although whether truthfully or not I could not, at that time, tell. Nurse Cutler went on her way down the stairs, and I followed Mrs. Hutchinson from her lair. This proved to be my own bedroom, which I had undertaken to keep clean and tidy myself.

"Thank you, Mrs. Hutchinson," I said. "Perhaps you would go down and do them, and I will finish here."

"Just as you like, dear," she replied. The affectionate terms now used by charwomen, shop-girls and bus conductors will never really become part of my life. It is me they always convey the valued insult implicit in the theory that Jack is as good as his master. Of course he isn't. If he were he would surely be a master on his own account instead of a paid employee. . . .

Anyhow, I was as I liked, and she took herself and the

But I didn't poison my wife

By Gladys Mitchell

Characters in the case

THE story weaves around widowed Mrs. MERTON, a gentlewoman cook-housekeeper to the Carringtons. They are commercial artist MARCUS CARRINGTON and his wife—who is bedridden—TRENT CARRINGTON, a war-wounded nephew, and MRS. PHILIPPA DEANE, a niece of the navy type. Mrs. Carrington is looked after by NURSE CUTLER and visited by DR. GRAYLING. An interesting outsider, blonde JOY BARNESLOW, comes to help in the garden, and another outsider is MRS. HUTCHINSON, the daily help. Sennacherib, the cat, completes the household.



In the midst of all this mess sat the master of the house. The atmosphere of the room told its own tale.

carpet-sweeper downstairs while I went into Marcus Carrington's den.

It was in even worse disorder than usual, but none of the usual drawings was about. I think she was a good woman. What her private life and private thoughts were I had not steady there were papers everywhere. I found income-tax demands and receipts, bills (all received, as far as I could see) and a lot of torn-up paper which might have been anything.

In the midst of all this mess sat the master of the house. Beside him was a bottle of brandy, and the atmosphere of the room held its own tale.

"I think you had better go to bed," I said severely. "I have come to clear up this workroom."

"Oh, you have?" said he, looking owlish. "See here, my dear, what do you really think happened? About my wife, you know. I can't get anyone to tell me the truth. Now, they all talk to you. What's your honest opinion? Do tell me!"

"I haven't one," I answered distressed. "And people don't talk to me. They try to talk to one another through me. What do you yourself think?"

"All sorts of things," Mrs. Merton. "I had any suspicion I suppose. I'd suspect myself, but you see, I can't quite do that because I know I didn't do it."

"Didn't do what, Mr. Carrington?" I was becoming alarmed. In his present state he might utter any indiscretion.

"Didn't poison my wife you know. Those policemen think I did. I can tell they do. But they're wrong. The real trouble lies between me and my conscience, because, you know, Mrs. Merton, I've thought of it a good many times. Dislike and with all those for gloves and by where? Well, what's the garden rub-

counter, of all people, young Trent Carrington. "Sorry to intrude," he said. "I'm in a bit of a hurry, but there's something I want your advice on, Nanny Merton."

"I don't know that I am qualified to give advice, Mr. Trent," I answered. "I feel I'd had enough for one morning."

Dead scared

"I know, Nanny dear," he went on, taking care as he always did, poor lad, to keep the better side of his face towards me. "But I think you might help a bloke out. The person I'm worried about is Philippa. She's dead scared over all this hoodoo, and no wonder. I suppose you know her story?"

"Of course I don't. I've only been here a matter of days," I said.

"I thought my late unlamented aunt—by marriage I would have told you. But I want you to know that Philippa had nothing to do with this business. You might let her know that I've told you, and that I'm prepared to stand by her to the last."

"I give no undertaking," I began; but he would not listen.

"The point is that her husband—a cad and a rotter if ever there was one—died under very suspicious circumstances a short time back. He was poisoned. Fortunately the coroner's jury took the point of view that it was suicide—largely, thanks to Tom Grayling's evidence—otherwise Philly might have found herself in Queen Street. So if she seems nervous and a bit beside herself, just remember that she's been here before." His voice was defiant and did not help his argument.

"She's been here before," he repeated. "I could not for the life of me decide whether he was really pleading her cause or putting me on my guard."

ON SATURDAY our third author, Anthony Gilbert, takes over, bringing you a further thrilling episode.

Export Dandy for UK

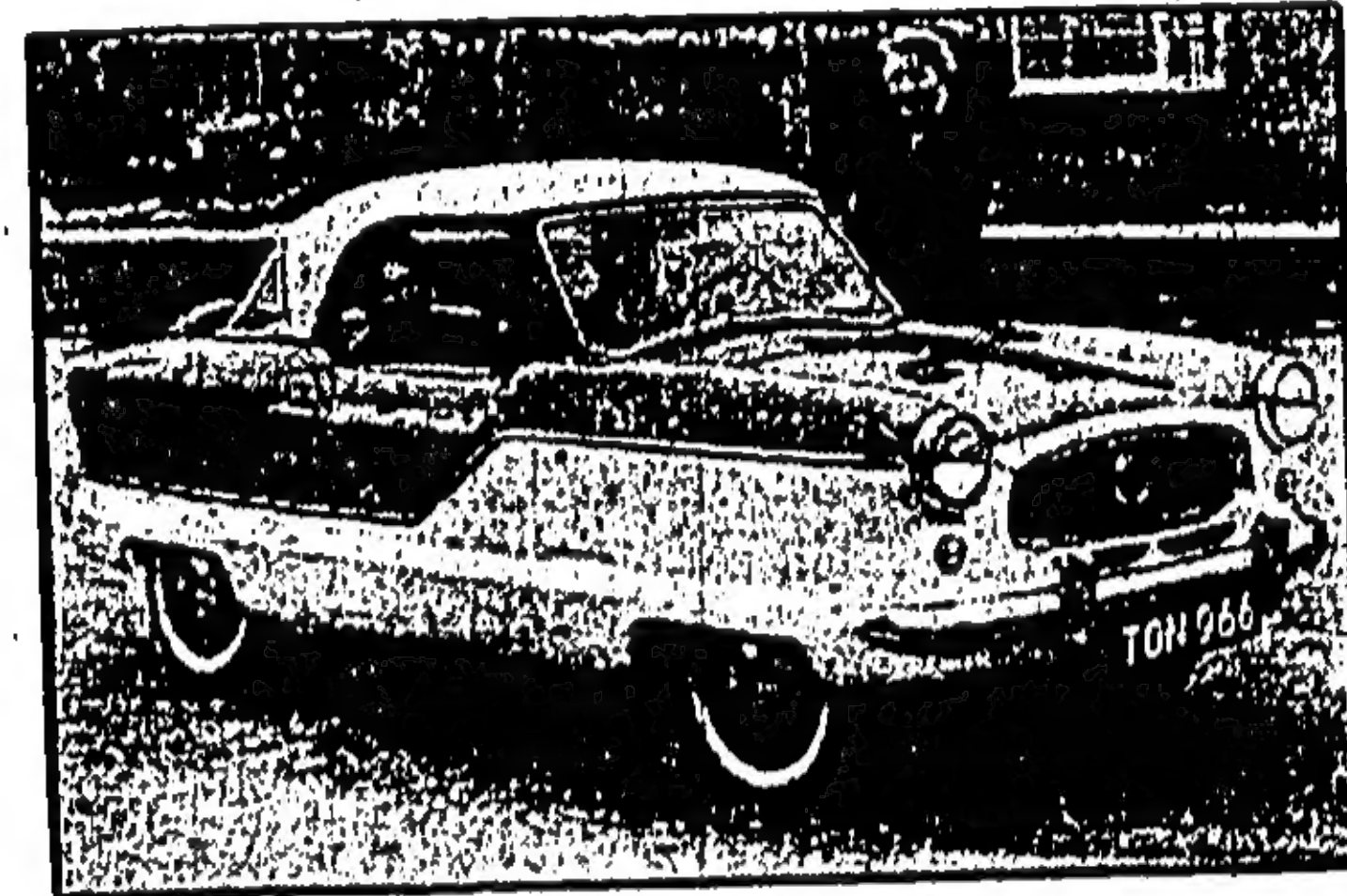
By ROBERT WALLING

HERE it is: the dandy British Metropolitan that American drivers have enjoyed for three years.

Today it is released to home motorists. And the modest price is £713 17s. purchase tax paid.

What do you get for that money? My test shows you have 80 m.p.h. if you want it, just over 30 m.p.g., and heater, radio, air conditioning, and cigar lighter—all built in.

Certain it is that Austin's Sir Leonard Lord did not lose British Motor Corporation money with this model, although his corporation recently reported an overall loss. Now, with a bigger



The Austin Metropolitan 80 m.p.h. if you want it

market, it should accelerate BMC into the black again.

Snickling the short lever rooted in the dashboard's base into first gear we are away with a frisky surge from the 1½-litre A.50 engine. Into second until the speedometer shows smartly to 60 m.p.h.; then a change into top.

A frisky surge

Up a long hill the car holds the speed for a while, then the speed needle starts creeping up again. Over the gentle crest at 70 m.p.h., and a second later the needle flickers at 80. Yet the engine is hardly-run-in.

Afterwards, the road twists. The Metropolitan keeps a little, with the wide bonnet rising and falling an inch or so as the transatlantic-style springing takes the kick out of road bumps.

At 85 m.p.h. the ride is shockless. Anything wrong with it? Yes—the steering lock could be better; the seats could have higher backs to hold you when accelerating fully; the handbrake, right-handed is too far forward.

But there is much horse-sense in this steady car. Things like a light illuminating the mid-right-blue rubber floor carpet; the absence of chromium on the dashboard; the full-skid body which makes it difficult to rub a kerb with the wheels when pulling up; the "picture" side windows.

Room? Adequate for two adults and two (or three) small children in the back. Or the back seats can give an emergency lift to a grown-up friend.

Value for money? Definitely. From today you can have Rolls Royce and Bentley cars with power-steering at an extra cost of £165, purchase tax paid. Formerly this had been confined to models for export.

These are the things you find out when driving.

What will impress the potential customer at first sight is the finish of the A.105. Let all those who denigrate British cars take a look at this one. There is no sloping bonnet sliding down to the front wheels, no acres of sheet metal projecting all over the place.

There were faults with the car of course, but most of them were trivial.

The trafficator switch has a warning light so bright that at first I thought I had caught fire. . . . and it is a pest at night. Nail varnish soon cured that. There is a permanently illuminated row of control indicators on the instrument panel. The lights are not needed and just mean extra wiring to go wrong.

TOO FAR AWAY

The overdrive pull is about as far from the driver, as it is possible to get and was obviously put there by someone whose knuckles touch the ground when he walks.

But, all in all, the A.105 represents everything that this



ROBERT GLENTON tests the new cars

HOME, JAMES— THAT'S HOW IT FEELS

HOW are your motoring manners? Do you dash round and open doors for your passengers? Then you are in a very urbane minority. Either that or rich aunt Mabel is in the back seat.

Or do you just sit and ask indignantly if everyone is going to take ALL day making up their minds? That, from my observation, is very likely indeed.

You sweep past

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Not everybody wants a back-of-the-chauffeur's-head view of motoring. There are plenty of owner-driver customers for this car.

But even they will soon learn to look down a dignified nose at the cut and thrust of work-a-day driving going on beyond the windscreen.

You don't overtake in this car. You sweep past. And, as I got just over 100 miles an hour out of the Super Snipe, sweeping past is the only phrase.

You don't compete for that vacant few inches in City traffic. Instead, you make a royal procession.

In the two-pedal Snipe the technique comes naturally. Put the lever to "Drive" touch the throttle pedal and off you go as gently as you like. Switch it to "Reverse." It really is as simple as that.

Somewhere, some mechanical jiggery pokery is doing all your gear changing for you. And doing it better than most drivers. All you should feel is a small change in the engine note as it happens.

In the Super Snipe there is a little snatch as well but, after most human gear changes, it is hardly noticeable.

Don't press down too hard with your right foot when you start off with automatic transmission or you will find yourself rather sharply in the next street. But any motorist can readily adapt himself to this new automation which is certainly here to stay.

Here to stay

I have told you of things I like about the Super Snipe. There are more. The car is fast and the ride is comfortable. The controls are simple to manage. The engine is magnificent and as silent as a strike-bound shipyard.

All the instruments are well placed and easy to read. But there are things that I disliked just as much. The car understeers severely and fast cornering, especially in the wet, needs care and two hands. And by fast cornering I don't mean handling it like a sports car. But the kind of driving one would expect from a vehicle which will cruise contentedly at over 70 miles an hour.

With automatic transmission most drivers use their brakes a lot. They hold the car against the pull of the engine. The brakes on the Super Snipe are true and effective but they are a little spongy and I did find some fade.

But perhaps the worst fault of the lot in my car was a little

clock over the windscreen. It was as annoying as an hysterical metronome. A small thing indeed, but if I owned the car I would promptly open the remarkably full tool kit, take out a large spanner, and silence its death-watch beetle drags for ever.

Snags outweighed

Those are the snags in this car.

For most people they will be completely outweighed by the virtues.

I don't think Humber's could possibly get more comfort in this car. . . . not for the money. There is walnut veneer, adjustable angle separate seats in the front if you want them, and all the other refinements that right-minded motorists dream of.

The seats are an armchair salesman's ambition. They are high so that everyone gets the maximum visibility, and you could drive for many hundreds of miles without an ache. There is more than the usual amount of door-pocket space, and the boot is almost big enough to live in.

Certainly, the man who drives a Super Snipe has arrived.

Just as certainly—unless he tries cornering too fast—he has arrived in comfort.

Performance good

The performance figures are good: 0-30 m.p.h., 4.5sec. 0-60 m.p.h., 13.4 sec. Top speed 102 m.p.h.

Fuel consumption, driven fairly hard looking for the sun-shine: 20.4 miles a gallon. The speedometer was fluttering. It was 4.8 miles an hour fast at 80 miles an hour.

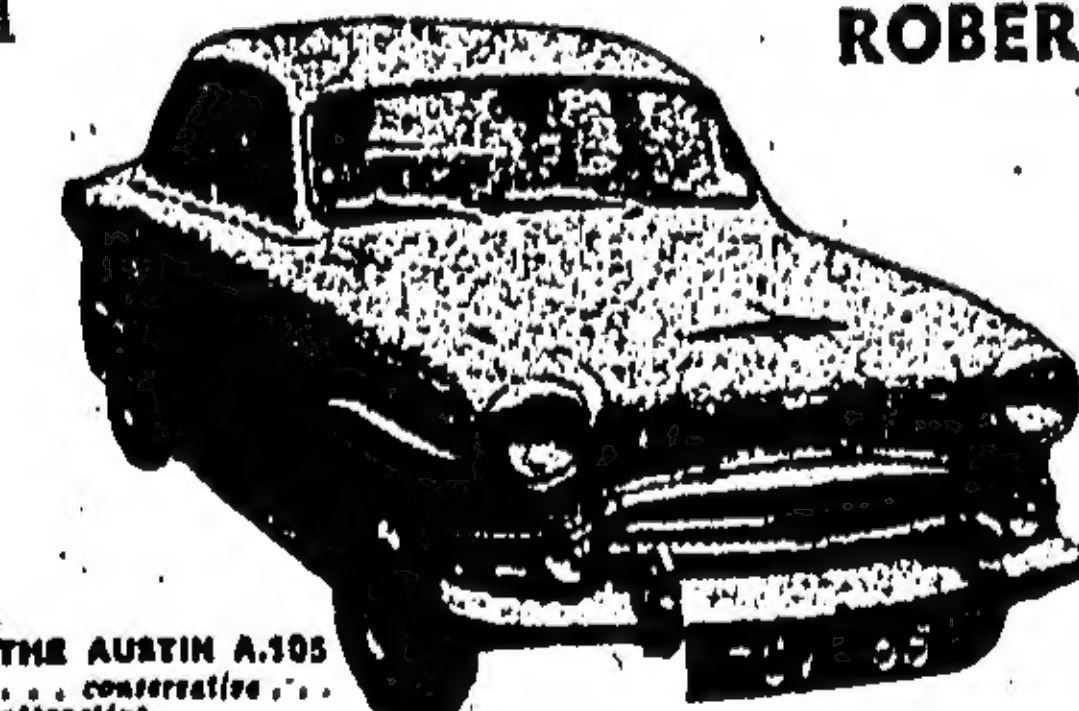
FOR THE TECHNICAL: Engine: 6 cylinder, overhead valve; capacity, 4,188.8 c.c. Suspension: front, independent coil springs; rear, semi-elliptical. Price: £1,075 plus £238 17s. tax. Total £1,313 17s.

WILL IT FIT YOUR GARAGE? Length, 10ft. 6in.; width, 6ft. 1½in.; height, 5ft. 6in.

	Pos. (10)	Remarks
Engine	10	Smooth as a silk
Steering	9	Steady as a rock
Acceleration	8	As smooth as a cat
Suspension	8	Happy passengers
Corners	8	Gently does it
Comfort	10	All you want is a Super Snipe
Trimming	10	It is a SUPER Snipe
Gearbox	9	The gentle nudge of a reasonable change

A CAR THAT GOES WITH SPRING

ROBERT GLENTON road-tests the Austin A105



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And if he's right, then I have been testing the car that must be as near to his heart as is possible to get. . . . the Austin A.105.

BIG, FLEXIBLE

There's nothing revolutionary about it. The engine is in the front. And the back suspension is a direct descendant of a stage coach.

It is as conservative as a summer's day at Ascot and just as attractive.

The A.105 is one of the best-built cars I have driven.

The engine is big, flexible, and smooth. The four-speed gear-box is well chosen, and the steering-column change is good, although second gear sometimes took some finding.

This is a car for the family which likes to travel fast. The top speed is slightly over 100 miles an hour. Admittedly the

A.105 seemed busy when it was doing it, but at very high cruising speeds and pottering about, it was absolutely silent.

Corners are good and safe. There is some understeer, but not much. The suspension is harder than one usually finds today and that does away with most of the drunken-sailor rolling that afflicts many cars.

These are the things you find out when driving.

What will impress the potential customer at first sight is the finish of the A.105. Let all those who denigrate British cars take a look at this one. There is no sloping bonnet sliding down to the front wheels, no acres of sheet metal projecting all over the place.

There were faults with the car of course, but most of them were trivial.

The trafficator switch has a warning light so bright that at first I thought I had caught fire. . . . and it is a pest at night. Nail varnish soon cured that. There is a permanently illuminated row of control indicators on the instrument panel. The lights are not needed and just mean extra wiring to go wrong.

TOO FAR AWAY

The overdrive pull is about as far from the driver, as it is possible to get and was obviously put there by someone whose knuckles touch the ground when he walks.

But, all in all, the A.105 represents everything that this

nation of drivers wants, and we can compliment ourselves on our taste.

Now for figures: 0-30 m.p.h., 4.2sec. 0-60 m.p.h., 13.8sec. Top, 101 m.p.h.; third, 75 m.p.h.; second, 53 m.p.h. (Using overdrive, the intermediate gear speeds are obviously much higher.)

Fuel consumption, driven hard, 24 m.p.g.

The speedometer was less than 1 m.p.h. wrong at 60 m.p.h.

FOR THE TECHNICAL: Engine six cylinder, overhead valve; capacity, 2,839 c.c. Suspension: Front—Independent coil spring; rear—semi-elliptical. Price: £799, plus £400 17s. tax. Total £1,199 17s.

WILL IT FIT YOUR GARAGE? Length, 10ft. 0½in.; width, 5ft. 4in.; height, 5ft. 2in.

	Pos. (10)	Remarks
Engine	10	Smooth as a gold-brick salesman
Steering	8	A little understeer
Acceleration	9	Ahead of the queue
Suspension	8	Stiffish
Corners	8	Little roll
Comfort	10	My passengers fall asleep
Trimming	10	Spotless
Gearbox	8	A little far away

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AUSTRALIA HAS BRIGHT FUTURE

Country Bursting At Seams With Natural Resources

COMPLACENCY A DANGER

By TERENCE DOWNEY

Melbourne, Apr. 11.

Australia, with already booming economy, is on the verge of a great expansion of wealth and resources, according to confident predictions by some outstanding national figures. Leaders in the fields of science, government, business and labour are almost unanimous in making optimistic forecasts. But, practical men as well as visionaries, they have metaphorically charted the rocks strewn along the course of progress.

Australia, they say, is a country bursting at the seams with natural wealth, much of it newly discovered. Her basic heavy industries are developing muscles, and science is beginning to help her great primary industries to achieve new heights of production. But they add that warning: Australians must avoid complacency and must educate scientists, management and technicians to make the most of the developing resources.

No Idealist

The most far-reaching predictions have come from the Chairman of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Sir Ian Clunies-Ross. Sir Ian, as the head of an organisation set up by the Australian Government to undertake scientific research which can be applied to benefit Australian industry, is no dreamy idealist. He has already seen the practical application of his Organisation's research return the country millions of pounds in cash and as he made his forecasts, he reminded his listeners that he had made apparently rash predictions three years previously—predictions which had come true. Now, Sir Ian said that in the next decade, Australia's steel production would reach 6,000,000 tons a year, compared with about 3,000,000 tons just after World War II. He predicted a great expansion in exports of copper and other minerals and a population of 12,000,000 to 14,000,000. Sir Ian recalled that three years ago he made what seemed a rash prediction that, because science and technology were being marshalled and new skills and labourers were being brought in to do the job, resources hitherto untouched would be discovered.

Benefits

"Is that true? Have we got on? Are we reaping the benefit from these new skills?" he asked. Wool production has gone up 20 per cent and meat production almost one-fifth in that period. We have suddenly found that we have ten times the resources of copper in this country. "We have suddenly found tremendous resources of bauxite on the tip of Cape York. We have half a million tons more steel. Rice is growing in the Northern Territory." A senior officer of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Dr S. H. Barstow, supported Sir Ian's predictions when he told the summer school of political science at Canberra that his work had taken him over most

of Australia and that he had seen a country "positively bursting at the seams with wealth." Science, he declared, had changed the face of Australia. It had proved the country, once thought relatively deficient in mineral resources, to be one of the world's richest, particularly in new minerals like uranium, titanium and zirconium, the sinews of the atomic age.

For many years, said Dr Barstow, Australians had thought that only the coastal fringe of their country could support agriculture, but science had demonstrated that at least one-third of the continent was potentially good agricultural land.

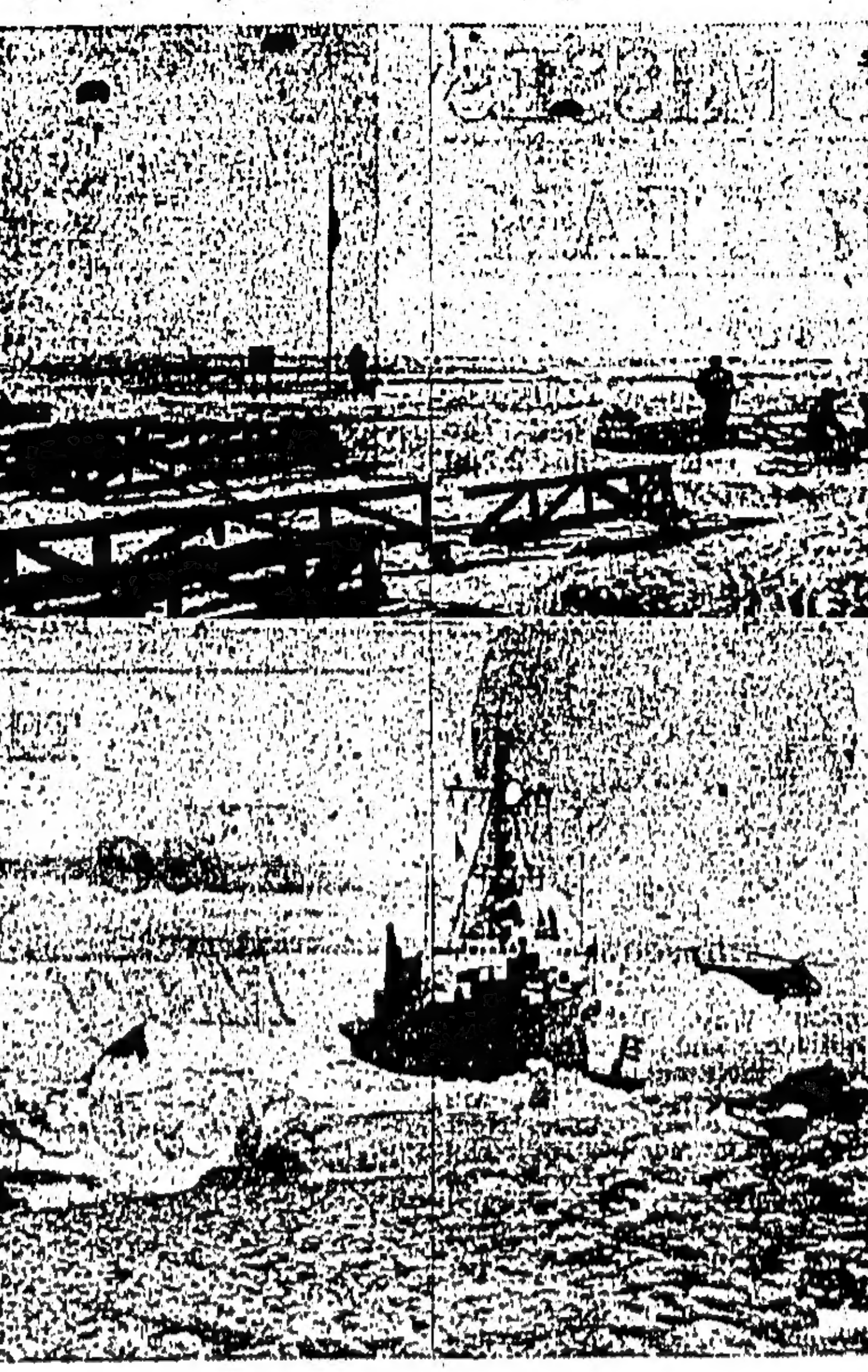
Least Developed

But, he said, the farmer and grazier would have to be a specialist, adding to conventional farming skills a great deal of technical and engineering knowledge. Also, without scientists, these areas could not be developed.

"Of all the countries with which we like to compare ourselves, we are the least developed," he said. "In the whole of Australia, there are only 100 professionally qualified agricultural scientists. Yet most of our children leave school at 14 years of age. That epitomises Australia's problem."

Dr Barstow's warning was repeated by other speakers at the summer school.

OPERATION DEEP FREEZE



Two views of "Operation Deep Freeze II", part of the International Geophysical Year in the Antarctic. Top picture shows a US Air Force C-124 transport dropping fuel to US Navy Seabees. Bottom picture shows a US Navy helicopter hovering as the American ice-breaker Northwind clears a path through the ice in McMurby Bay, Cape Hallett. —Express Photo.

MICE THREATEN DYKE

Husum, West Germany, Apr. 11. Field mice are threatening to destroy sections of the earthen sea dyke on the west coast of Schleswig Holstein. In some places as many as 30 mice per square metre (little more than a yard) of dyke surface have been found. —China Mail Special.

COLLECTORS CLUB CHANGES ANYTHING IN WEST GERMANY

By DAVID JONES

Berlin, Apr. 11.

Collectors of everything, from railway inspectors' collar badges to pictures of flying saucers, anything which has the remotest connection with traffic or travel, have recently formed a thriving club in West Berlin.

They meet regularly in the backroom of a small public house in the suburb of Neukölln to compare their finds, arrange "swops" and even exchange collections.

The "Society of Berlin Traffic Enthusiasts" ("Vereinigung der Berliner Verkehrsfreunde") has at present just over 20 members, who correspond with about 300 other collectors in West Germany.

The most "conventional" items collected are tickets for and pictures of means of transport, including omnibuses, trams, railways (ranging from underground to funicular), zeppelins, ships, jet and rocket-propelled aeroplanes, space-ships and flying saucers.

But all kinds of travel souvenirs, beer mats, cigar labels, emergency coinage issues, newspaper cuttings, match-boxes, caricatures, time-tables, official badges, all have their value among Traffic Enthusiasts.

ADVERTISING

Even for the man who collects only entrance tickets to travel museums, a rare beer mat which he may find in Austria is valuable for exchange purposes, and it is, in fact, a strict rule in the club that members never throw anything "collectable" away.

Friends and relatives of members are enlisted wilyly in the treasure hunt. Those who throw away bus tickets on foreign holidays will find themselves highly unpopular, and it is perfectly permissible even to advertise for a wanted collection-place.

"Most of us are cross-collectors," one of the members,

NO CATALOGUE

The club consists mainly of middle-aged to elderly men, with a few women and young people. It has a president, a committee, a book of statutes and a weekly correspondence file. But it works with one disadvantage. Unlike postage stamp or bird's egg collectors, they have no catalogue from which they can tell when their collections are nearing completion. Some of the collectors, however, look upon this as more of an advantage in the end, as it leaves room for surprises.

One member, a lecturer at a Berlin vocational school, is preparing a reference work on the history of travel which he hopes to publish. He has so far collected over 20,000 headings.

The first club of this kind in Berlin was founded in 1931. It carried on right through World War II, providing members with a welcome element of escapism, and many soldiers found that the meetings brightened up their leave especially when they could bring rare items from a foreign country.

COUNTRY-WIDE

After the war, when times were hard and everyone's energies were exhausted in the bare task of earning a living, the club's activities petered out, and it was only revived a few months ago.

It has already joined a country-wide system for exchanging advertisements and information through news letters to other clubs, and carries on a growing correspondence with foreign countries.

One member has a complete picture postcard collection of Berlin underground stations. This is not as simple an achievement as it may sound, because the cards date from before World War II. Nowadays, anyone seen photographing an East Berlin station risks suspicion of being a spy.

Another man has a collection of pictures showing every successive type of electric tram used in Berlin, where they were introduced in the year 1881.

MAKING FRIENDS

The occupations of members range from bus conductor to intellectual. One "honorary member" is a woman who is studying changes in social habits as reflected in restaurant menus. The majority of members, however, who are taking their hobby seriously, consider its true value to lie in the opportunity it offers for meeting people with similar interests and for making new friends.

Conversation towards the end of meetings, like the cigarette smoke in the little backroom of the public house, tends to drift. A bus-ticket from Los Angeles will awaken thoughts about journeys in the New World, or the receipt of a highly-prized time table, from India may well start a discussion on Mr Nehru's foreign policy. —China Mail Special.

Polish Premier Off To N. Korea

Peking, Apr. 11. Mr Josef Cyrankiewicz, the Polish Premier, left Peking today on his way to North Korea to continue his Far East tour after three days of talks with Chairman Mao Tse-tung, Prime Minister Chou En-lai, and other Chinese leaders. Sources close to his delegation said that he had found more sympathy for Poland's opinions than when Mr Chou visited Poland last January. Observers here noted that the tone of the joint statements was far more moderate throughout than previous Communist Chinese pronouncements of this kind. It was also noted — connected with the usual hostile statements — that...

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

CHINA LIGHTS FALL ON MARKET

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Apr. 11.
Rex rubber contract closed today 1 to 2 points lower with sales of four contracts.

May	32.18
July	32.20
September	32.22
November	32.24
January	32.26
March	32.28
May	32.30

Technical trading and hedge selling after a two-day advance found trade buyers more reserved, sending the market into lower ground after a steady start. Shipment offerings remained on the light side and too high to interest local buyers. Factory demand remained slow. Spot No. 1 was quoted at 32 1/4 cents.

AMSTERDAM
Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif May as follows:

No. 1 rubber	2.64
No. 2 rubber	2.62
No. 3 rubber	2.58
No. 4 rubber	2.52
No. 1 crepe	2.52

SINGAPORE
The market opened higher on better overseas advices but sagged on quiet market with only small buying interest. The market steadied slightly during the unofficial trading period today. Future closings were:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	92 1/2-93 1/2
May	93 1/2-94 1/2
No. 2 rubber per lb.	91 1/2-92 1/2
No. 3 rubber per lb.	90 1/2-91 1/2
No. 4 rubber per lb.	89 1/2-90 1/2
Spot rubber unbleached	92 1/2-93 1/2
Blanket crepe	90-91
No. 1 crepe	90-91

LONDON
The rubber market was quiet with spot quoted at 27 1/2 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 raw spot	27-27 1/2
Settlement house term:	27-27 1/2
May	27 1/2-27 3/4
June	27 1/2-27 3/4
July/August	27 1/2-27 3/4
October/December	27 1/2-27 3/4
January/March	27 1/2-27 3/4
General market, cif basis, ports	27 1/2-27 3/4
April	27 1/2-27 3/4
May	27 1/2-27 3/4
June	27 1/2-27 3/4
July/August	27 1/2-27 3/4
October/December	27 1/2-27 3/4
January/March	27 1/2-27 3/4
Estate crepe thin May	29 1/2
thick May	31

New York Foreign Exchange
Closing rates were:

Canada	1.04 1/2
England	2.78 1/2
90 days	2.78 1/2
South Africa	2.79 1/2
Switzerland	2.79 1/2
Argentina	2.79 1/2
Others unchanged—United Press.	

London Foreign Exchange
Closing rates were:

New York	2.78 1/2-2.79
Amsterdam	2.67 1/2-2.68 1/2
Copenhagen	10.45 1/2-10.46 1/2
Frankfurt	10.45 1/2-10.46 1/2
Paris	10.45 1/2-10.46 1/2
Zurich	10.45 1/2-10.46 1/2
Others unchanged—United Press.	

New Share Issue

'Disappointing'

BLUE CHIPS AT LOW

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

China Light's announcement of a new issue caused sharp disappointment on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this week. Brokers said this share's fall of 50 cents was indirectly responsible for the depression of virtually the whole utility section.

The reason for the disappointment is not hard to find. The issue is 1,840,000 shares at \$5 par at one for five. In other words shareholders have to pay for new shares when for many months they have been expecting a bonus issue.

Brokers yesterday described the announcement as "unfortunately timed" and two leading brokers asked whether the issue was really necessary at this stage.

As far as the share market is concerned it will draw money away at a time when investors are badly in need of a fillip. Up till Easter, at least, the market may be very dull therefore.

Admittedly, shareholders could hardly expect the company to make a bonus issue at a time when there has been so much criticism of the increased surcharge.

But brokers point out that the main reason for the fall was that several shareholders holding big parcels had no wish to pay for new shares at this stage. More than 37,000 shares have changed hands in three days which is a fairly large turnover.

The Tally
As the panel shows, most other issues on the market are steady.

The tally for the week was five higher, 12 steady and seven lower as against nine higher, five steady and ten lower the previous week.

Bankers have slipped from their high and close \$1.050. In London they are down from £98 1/2 to £97. Unions, however, are fractionally higher.

In the utility section, HK Electric and Electric are steady and Docks are 30 cents lower. Hongkong Hotels are steady and Lands are slightly easier.

In the utilities section, Trans, Star Ferry and Electric are steady. Telephone is still in demand and close 10 cents higher but Yumall and Lights are lower.

Investment Buyers
Brokers feel that Blue Chip prices are at or near "rock bottom" and at current yields must appear attractive to investment buyers.

Some yields are Hongkong Trans, 8.6 per cent, Star Ferry, 6.02 per cent, Yumall, 5.7 per cent, China Light, 5 per cent, Electric, 9.25 per cent and Telephone, 6.07 per cent.

Slight Improvement
Here is an Ice House Street observer's account of the market: Although there has been a slight improvement in the turnover which amounted to \$3.4 million as compared with the previous week's total of \$2.3 million. There are still no signs of any sustained buying energy.

The undertone has been fairly steady throughout the week and prices generally show only fractional changes either way.

The announcement of a proposed new issue by the China Light and Power Company of one new share for every five held at \$5 per share was not enthusiastically received on the market judging by the immediate drop of 50 cents in the price. Recovery efforts failed to materialize and the shares closed around \$2.25.

Electric, which have also been under a cloud recently, maintained their price at \$2.10 in light scale trading. Wheelocks were more active than of late and tacked on gains amounting to 25 cents.

Telephones were again well supported and closed 10 cents higher.

Market Diary
Here is a market diary of the week:

Friday	Fair scale in half day trading. T/O: \$30,000.
Monday	Quiet note with light trading. T/O: \$370,000.
Tuesday	Brisk trading. T/O: \$1.1 million.
Wednesday	Quietly steady. T/O: \$1.1 million.
Thursday	Movement few and small. T/O: \$987,000.

★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	Mar 14	Mar 21	Mar 28	Apr 4	Apr 11	Up or Down
HK Bank	1865	1860	1815	1800	1800	—15
Lombard	37.50m	37.50m	37.50m	37.50m	37.50m	—
Union	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	—
Wheelock	0.50	0.75	0.75	0.65	0.90	+25
HK Wharf	105	105	101	101m	97 1/2mxd	+25.50
HK Docks	47	48 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	45	+50
Provident	12.10	12.20	12.20m	12.20m	11.90xd	—50
HK Hotels	15.10	15.10xd	15.10	15.10	14.40	—70
HK Lands	30 1/2m	30 1/2m	30 1/2m	30	35 1/2	+50
HK Realty	1.375	1.375	1.35b	1.35b	1.35	—
HK Trans	85	85m	81.90	81.90	81 1/2	—50
Star Ferry	135b	135b	135b	137 1/2	137 1/2	—50
Yumall	105b	107	105xd	103	102 1/2m	—50
Ch Light	22.10	22.90	22.60	22.40	21.90	—50
Electric	29.90	30	29.70	29.20	28.20	—100
HK Telephone	24.10	24.60	24.70	24.60	24.70	+10
Q.I. Cement	16.10	16.40	16	16.10	15xd	—100
A.S. Watson	11.30	11.30	11.30	11.70m	11.60m	—
Yankee	5.55	5.55b	5.55b	5.80	5.90b	—
Allied	4.75m	4.75b	4.75b	4.75m	4.75b	—
HK & FE Inv	10m	9.90b	9.80b	10b	10b	—
Textile Corp	4.75m	4.70b	4.75m	4.70	4.70m	—
Nanyang	8.20	8.25	8.20	8.20m	8.15	—50

WALL STREET PAUSES AFTER ACTIVE ADVANCE

New York, Apr. 11.
Stocks fell back into the pattern of selective trading as investors paused to assess the market in the light of its two-session active advance.

Attention centred chiefly on sugar stocks, brought into the limelight by activity in world futures markets and heavy sales of raws, particularly to Russia.

By and large, changes were small and mixed with the balance slightly to the down side, reflecting profit-taking in recent features.

Chrysler fell nearly a point on profit-taking in an otherwise firm group.

This action was seen as a normal follow-up to the upside breakout, touched off by industrialists in recent sessions, with the rally joining in yesterday.

Industrials Off
Industrials stocks, as measured by the Dow-Jones average closed at 484.70, off .47 point; 147.11, off .27, utilities 171.50, up .14 and 65 stocks 170.80, off .08.

The utility gain reflected chiefly strength in Peoples Gas which climbed 2 1/2 to \$184. Ralls were narrow.

Activity, while down from yesterday's 2,920,000-share turnover which was the year's heaviest, was brisk at 2,350,000 shares for the session.

Of a total 1,142 issues traded, 465 were higher, 412 lower, 265 unchanged with 75 at new highs, 14 at new lows.

NY Stock Exchange bond volume was \$4,460,000. American Stock Exchange volume was 980,000 shares.

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Acy.	87 1/2
Allied Mills Inc.	20 1/2
Allis Chalmers	35
American Can Co.	18 1/2
Amer. Cable & Radio Corp.	10 1/2
American Cyanamid Co.	10 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	37 1/2
Amer. Mach. & Foundry	25
American Metal	25
Armco Steel	12 1/2
Armco Steel Corp.	12 1/2
Atlas Corp. Mining	20 1/2
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	12 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	12 1/2
Benjamin Franklin	20 1/2
Republic Aviation Corp.	12 1/2
Boeing Airplane	44 1/2
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Burrhus Add Machine	40 1/2
Canadian Pac. Ry.	14 1/2
Cat. Tractor	82 1/2
Celaneva Corp.	10 1/2
C. & F. Ry. Corp.	44 1/2
Chase Manhattan Bank	44 1/2
Chrysler Motors	14 1/2
Clinax Molybdenum	7 1/2
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	45
Commonwealth Elec.	30 1/2
Continental Oil of Del.	40 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	25 1/2
Diamond Alkali	25 1/2
Dupont de Nemours	107 1/2
Eastern Airline	20
El Paso National Gas	25 1/2
Family Finance Corp.	12 1/2
General Tire & Rubber	12 1/2
Ford Motor	12 1/2
General Foods	40 1/2
General Motors	30 1/2
Gillette Co.	40 1/2
Glidden Co.	12 1/2
Goodrich Tire	12 1/2
Gulf Oil	12 1/2
Harvard Motor Co.	12 1/2
Homesite Building Co.	12 1/2

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, Apr. 11.
Most grain futures were steady to slightly higher on the Board of Trade today.

Wheat declined in early trade after the government report on winter wheat production was considered slightly high. Selling diminished later and the market rallied with nearby contracts rising slightly above yesterday's close.

Rye and soybeans moved slightly higher. Soybeans started fairly active. There was some mid-morning short covering in beans and offerings became lighter.

Wheat closed up 1/2 to 1 cent; soybeans closed up 1/2 to 1 1/2 cent.

Prices per bushel in cents:
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September 22 1/2 (H) 22 1/2 (L)
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No. 2, yellow
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December 23 1/2 (H) 23 1/2 (L)

New York Sugar Market
New York, Apr. 11.
World No. 4 sugar futures closed today 15 to 35 points higher with sales of 1,893 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed 3 to 6 points higher with sales of 463 contracts.

Activity and strength in the world contract reflected general trade and speculative covering with news of large-scale Russian purchases of Cuban sugar and that the Soviet was inquiring for additional large amounts.

The volume of sales at 1,893 contracts was the largest for any day since late February and compared with the record turnover of 2,584 contracts reported on Feb. 6.

The 1957 Cuban crop is expected to reach 3,305,504 Spanish long tons, according to Galbo Lobe Trading Company, a leading sugar firm. The estimate was based on a survey of mills made by the firm throughout the island. The 1957 crop had been officially declared at 3,150,000 long tons, but because of increased demand the restriction was lifted. In 1956, under restricted production, the crop totaled 4,000,000 long tons.

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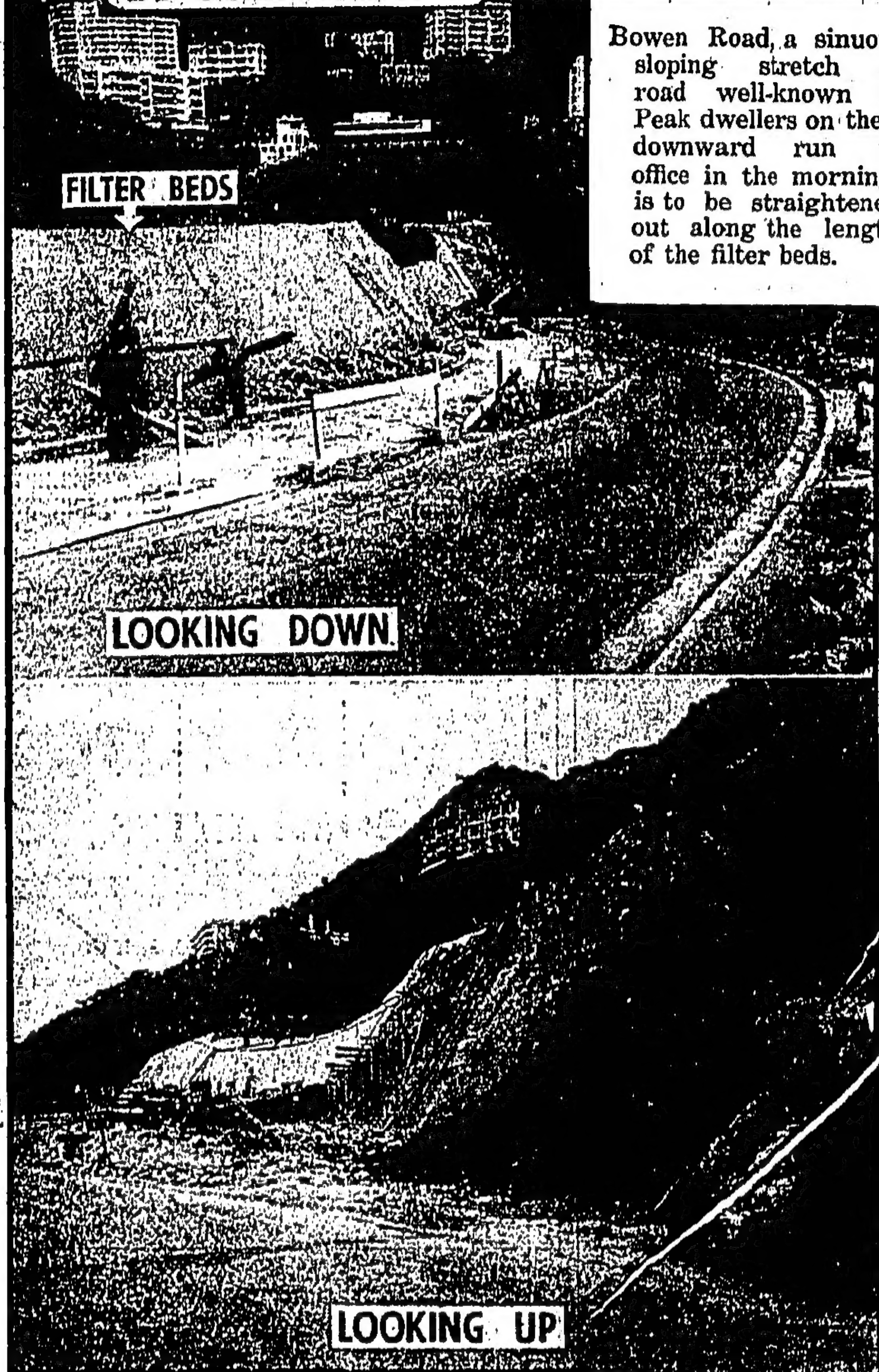
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FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1957.

THEY'RE TAKING THE CURVES OUT OF BOWEN ROAD

BY GORDON HUNG



The above photographs show Bowen Road looking down from the Commodore's House and looking up from just above the present roundabout. A giant block of flats, which can just be seen in the photograph on the right, will mark roughly the conjunction of Bowen Road with Garden Road as it swings round the old roundabout up the hill to Robinson Road. (Staff Photographer)

Bowen Road, a sinuous sloping stretch of road well-known to Peak dwellers on their downward run to office in the morning, is to be straightened out along the length of the filter beds.

This will be one of the results of the three-stage scheme to give the upper Garden Road junction with the main Peak artery a new look.

The first stage of the Garden Road Development Scheme has been completed and it is expected that the whole project will be finished in June.

The work at the junction of Bowen Road involves widening, re-grading and realigning the three main approaches and two serving private developments to the new 90-foot diameter roundabout.

8 Features

Main features of the new development are:

- ★ the culverting of Albany Nullah;
- ★ a 30-foot wide rotary carriageway;
- ★ a central 90-foot diameter roundabout;
- ★ improved street lighting;
- ★ pedestrian crossings;
- ★ approach directional islands with 'Keep Left' bollards;
- ★ a bus 'pull in';
- ★ a widening and realignment of the carriageway on the three main approaches with footpaths on either side of the roads.

The roundabout will be 1 in 10 while Bowen Road leading to Magazine Gap will be 1 in 7.4 compared with the present gradient of 1 in 10.

The effect of straightening out Bowen Road is that part of the filter beds, which are now not in use, will be cut away and a cutting slope with chunam

valuable land site will be sold to the public. At the moment the beds are being filled with the soil obtained from various sites on the project.

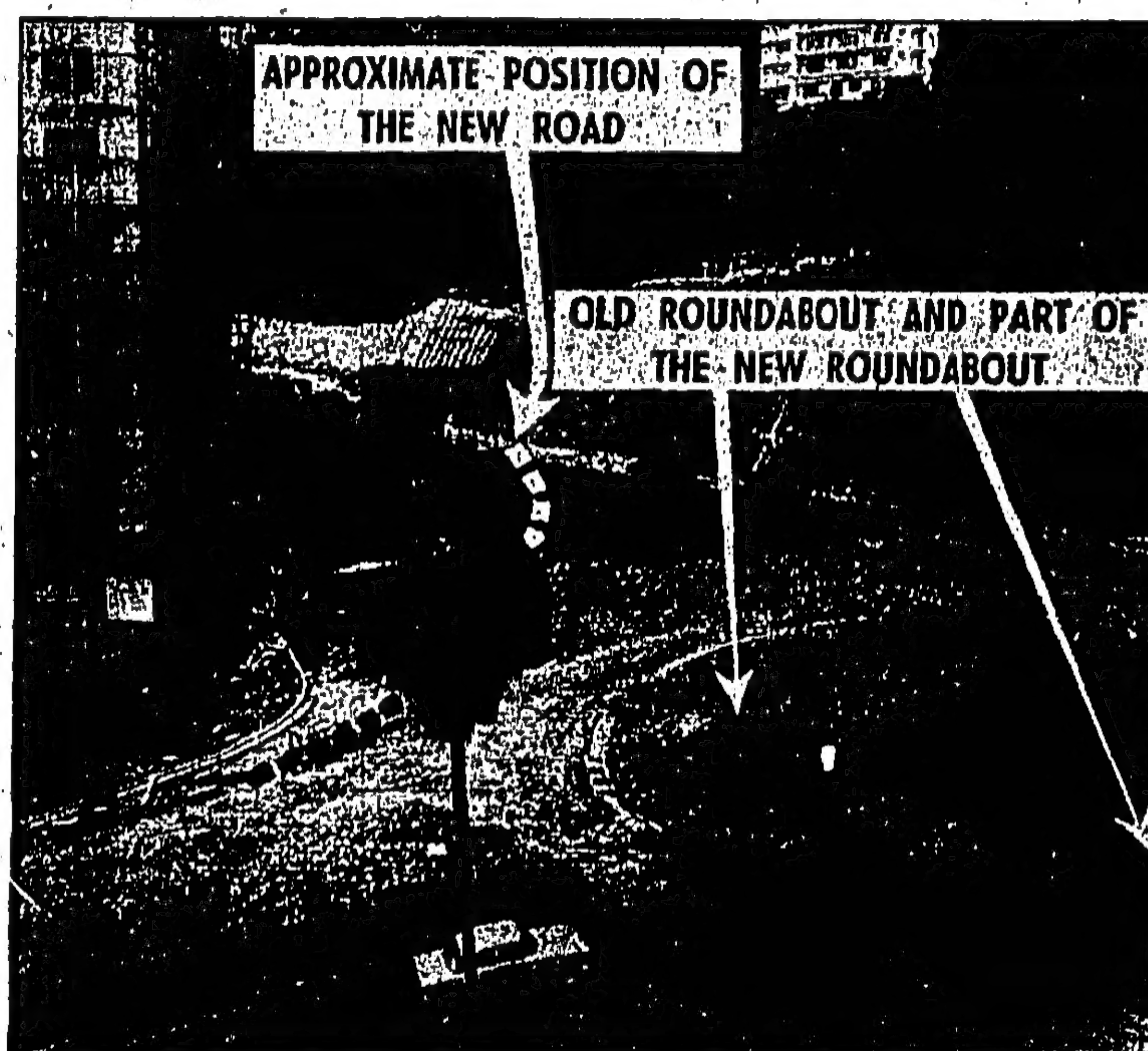
With the preparatory work of stage one completed in which there was no disruption of traffic, stage two will be the construction of part of the roads while stage three is the completion of the whole scheme.

The Public Works Department hopes to complete the bulk of the carriageway work in May.

NEW LOOK FOR GARDEN ROAD

When the scheme is finished the widened Bowen Road will have lost its bends and be practically a straight road with one slight bend from the roundabout to the Commodore's House.

facing (chunam is one part shell lime mixed with five parts red earth) will be constructed. Government has not made any plans yet for the filter beds but it is thought that this



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By Air
Formosa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 13
By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kanton, Hainan, 7 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, N. Borneo, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, 11 a.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
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Korea, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Thailand, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Indo-China, France, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Ceylon, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Formosa, 11 a.m.
Japan, 3 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, 5 p.m.
Malaya, N. Borneo, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
SUNDAY, APRIL 14
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Miss Bunsen, are you busy? Or just don't you get around to cleaning off your desk?"

Four lanes

The present scheme starts at Macdonnell Road and will involve Garden Road up to its intersection with Peak Road, and on the east side along Bowen Road to the Commodore's House.

On completion of the scheme Garden Road will have a width of 44 feet as compared with 30 feet at present thus allowing ample room for four lanes of traffic.

The width of the footpaths on either side of the road will be eight feet.

The new gradient up to the approach of the roundabout will be 1 in 7.4 as compared with the present gradient of 1 in 8.

Radio H.K. and Rediffusion

H.K.T.
12 p.m. Popular Harmony;
12.15. Roman Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Fr. R. W. Gallardo;
1.15. Masters of Melody—Charles Williams and his Orchestra—The Music of Edward Elgar;
1.30. Time Signal. Letter from America by Alastair Cooke;
1.35. News; Weather Report and Special Announcements; 1.50. Diamond Jubilee Season—Henry Wood Promenade Concert (60th Anniversary Concert) BBC Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent and Basil Cameron;
2.30. Latin American Rhythms; 3. The Swinging Stravinsky Band; 3.30. The Royal Tournament (An Extract); Field at Earl's Court, London, and introduced by Richard Dimbleby;
4. The Time Music by Camarata and his Orchestra; 4.30. The Four of Us; 5. Favourite Melodies for Old Time Dancing; Harry Davidson and his Orchestra; 5.30. Time for Teenagers presented by Elizabeth; 6. Time Signal. Programme Summary; 6.15. Popularity Poll presented by Ted Thomas; 6.30. Asian Club; 7. Bonfire Rhythms at the Piano. With Robert Ashby's Orchestra; 7.15. A Life of Riley; 7.45. Going to the Picture; 8. The Critics discuss the pictures they have seen this week. Chairman: Timothy Birch; 7.59. Weather Report; 8. Time Signal; 8.05. An Appeal on Behalf of the Society for the Protection of Children by the Hon. Chief Justice, Mr. J. P. Hogan; 8.15. Music: Lovers' Hour—Classical Requests presented by Albert Deane; 8.30. "Chatterbox" by John Galsworthy. (Repeat of last Sunday's broadcast); 9. A Book at your Bedside; 9.15. Comfort from the Bible; 9.30. Gossip; 10. Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadian; 10.30. Weather Report; 11. Time Signal; 11.30. Goodnight Music.

Rediffusion
Suite for Strings (Puccini); 11.30. Close Down.
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